



# Riding the school bus!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION IN HRCE



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### TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Nova Scotia's School Transportation Policy includes eligibility criteria, student safety and behaviour information, as well as roles and responsibilities of students, parents/guardians, bus drivers, principals, etc.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Parents/guardians (or designate) are responsible for:

- Accompanying their children to the bus, supervising them until safely boarded, and greeting them at the bus at the end of the day. If they are not at the bus to meet their child, parents/guardians will be contacted and the child may be returned to the school for pick up after the bus run is complete.

A bus monitor can assist with buckling and unbuckling children on the bus.

If students use mobility equipment such as a walker or wheelchair, extra time may be added when boarding/exiting the bus to ensure their safety and comfort. This will be reflected in BusPlanner Parent Portal if applicable.

### HRCE WEBSITE

Visit [www.hrce.ca/families/student-transportation](http://www.hrce.ca/families/student-transportation) for more information about busing, including safety information, what students can take on a bus, inclement weather guidelines, and transportation FAQs!

### BUSPLANNER'S PARENT PORTAL

Families with children eligible for transportation will receive an email to activate a BusPlanner Parent Portal account, where they can look up times and stop locations. There is also an option to receive email and text message notifications about service delays and other changes to busing. **Note:** Notifications are sent for delays greater than 15 minutes.



### FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

A few reminders for families:

- Students should be ready for the bus 10 minutes before their scheduled pick-up time.
- Expect delays in the first few weeks while new fall routines (for everyone!) get underway.
- Students can bring small sports equipment like baseball gloves on the bus as long as they are stored safely.
- Students can't bring open food or drinks on the bus.

### QUESTIONS?



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