

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

Transportation Department

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Note to Parents

1. Students must be registered for transportation prior to taking a school bus. Bussing students are to use only their assigned bus and regular bus stop, unless they are a courtesy rider with the necessary documentation. To register, submit a transportation request form to your school or to the transportation department directly. These forms can be found under the transportation tab on our website <u>www.sd20.bc.ca</u> or requested at school.

2. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to check bus pick up and drop off times in August prior to the new school year. The information can be found under the transportation tab on the Kootenay Columbia School District's website <u>www.sd20.bc.ca</u>. or check with your school.

3. After school; All K-12 students will be dropped at their scheduled stop, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet their children at the bus stop if they feel it is necessary. If you do not want your child to walk home alone, please be at the stop 5 minutes ahead of drop off time to ensure the connection and to avoid having your child standing alone at the stop.

4. Children should know their bus route numbers. It is also a good idea for your child to know your phone number and address

5. In the morning; Students should be at their bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled departure time. Buses do not wait for tardy students.

6. Under no circumstances should children run to catch the bus.

7. Provide the necessary safety precautions for your children when going to and from the bus stop.

8. Make certain that your children are properly dressed, in case of emergencies during cold or wet weather.

9. Accept responsibility for the proper conduct of your children before boarding a bus, during the daily trips and upon discharge.

10. Parents will be responsible for any damage to a bus by their children.

11. Encourage children to obey all traffic rules and school bus regulations.

12. Children are expected to proceed directly from the bus stop to their destination.

13. For your child's safety, a video surveillance system which includes audio recording may be installed on the school bus.