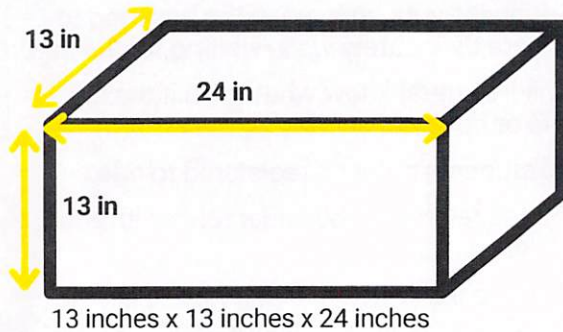


WHAT IS ALLOWED ON A SCHOOL BUS?

Articles that fit in or under the bus seat and do not block the aisles or emergency exits are permitted on the bus.



WHAT IS **NOT** ALLOWED ON A SCHOOL BUS?

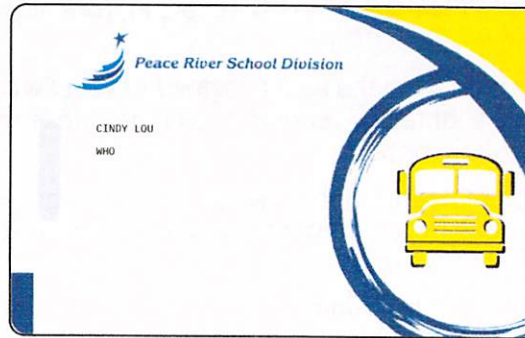
- Skis/Ski Poles
- Snowboard
- Skateboard
- Scooter
- Curling Brooms
- Hockey Sticks
- Baritone Saxophone
- Bass Trombone
- French Horn
- Guitar
- Tuba
- Animals
- Firearms
- Explosives
- Knives including pocket knives
- Flammable materials/substances
- Fuel, other than in the fuel system and fuel tank of the bus
- Anything of a dangerous or objectionable nature, or that might endanger the lives or safety of persons in the bus.



Parents & Guardians, please check with your student's bus driver before taking sports equipment or band instruments on the bus.

BUS ATTENDANCE SYSTEM

Every student riding a PRSD bus receives a Bus Attendance card. This card contains a system-generated number that interacts only with card readers installed on PRSD buses. The card is part of an automated student safety system allowing our Transportation Department to know exactly when and where students are boarding and exiting our buses.



BUS NOTIFICATION APP

The PRSD utilizes the Chipmunk School Bus Tracker App for parents and guardians. To begin using the Chipmunk App:



1. Set up an account at <https://prsd.mybusplanner.ca/>.
2. Download the Chipmunk App (available on both Android and IOS devices)
3. Connect to the PRSD system using the **Quick Code: PRSD**.
4. Sign in using your BusPlanner login credentials.

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SCHOOL BUS

*Information for Parents
and Guardians*



GUEST RIDERS

Please contact the school by phone or email a minimum of 24 hours before you wish to have your student ride as a guest. Bus drivers are instructed to only accept bus notes that are issued by the school. Due to bus seating limits, some routes may not permit guest riders

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

Keep this information handy for those frosty Alberta mornings to ensure you and your student are prepared.

- ❗ Morning and afternoon buses are cancelled if the temperature at 6 a.m. is -35°C or colder (without wind chill), or -48°C or colder with the wind chill.
- ❗ Due to the risk of mechanical failure, wheelchair lifts will not be operated if the temperature reaches -25°C or lower. If this occurs mid-day, the school will contact you to arrange an alternative return plan.
- ❗ Check <https://prsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts> for official alerts. Your bus driver will also notify you directly of cancellations or route changes.
- ❗ In extreme conditions, schools may send students home early on the bus. In these cases, the school will notify parents and guardians.
- ❗ Elementary students won't be sent home early unless parents or guardians are successfully reached. The school will hold students safely at the building until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- ❗ If bus routes in your area are cancelled due to weather, all scheduled field trips and sporting event transportation for that day are also cancelled.

SCHOOL BUS RIDER RULES

- ✓ Be appropriately dressed for weather conditions in case of breakdown or delays.
- ✓ Be at the bus stop at least three to five (3-5) minutes before scheduled pickup time; stand well away from the bus stop in the safety zone.
- ✓ Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting on or off of the bus.
- ✓ Cross the road three (3) meters in front of the bus.
- ✓ Go directly to the seat assigned to you. Sit in your seat facing forward at all times while the bus is in motion.
- ✓ Do not open windows without permission from the bus driver. Do not put arms, hands, head or objects out of the window.
- ✓ Put all garbage in a container; do not throw it out of the window or on the floor.
- ✓ Loud or noisy behaviour is prohibited.
- ✓ Use of tobacco or alcohol products of any type is prohibited.
- ✓ Electronic audio equipment with adequate sound retention headphones may be used by passengers, at the discretion of the driver.
- ✓ The aisle of the bus must be kept clear at all times; keep hands, feet and all objects out of the aisle.
- ✓ Please inform the bus driver when you will not be on the bus. Attendance will be taken.
- ✓ The Bus Driver is responsible for passenger safety. Follow the direction of the bus driver at all times.
- ✓ Bullying or other forms of harassment will be immediately reported to the school Principal
- ✓ Any violations of the rules or damage to the bus will be reported to the school Principal.

*Safely Transporting Students
Towards Success*

PARENT & GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents and Guardians are responsible for the safety of their children prior to boarding the bus and after disembarking from the bus.

Supervise your children at the bus stop to ensure their safety while waiting for the bus.

Children must know what to do if the bus is late or does not arrive.

All students must be registered to ride.

Please review the bus rider rules with your child.

If your child is vision-impaired, has limited mobility, cognitive impairment or any other need for special accommodations, please contact the Peace River School Division's Transportation department as soon as possible, and preferably prior to the end of the current school year, to begin working on a plan for school bus success. The sooner we know about a need for accommodation the better..

Parents and Guardians shall make every effort to inform the driver when bus service is not required.

All Kindergarten and Grade 1 students must be met by a responsible adult on and off the bus. Please inform the bus driver if other arrangements need to be made—for example, walking home with an older sibling.

Ensure children are properly dressed for weather conditions. While the bus is warm, it is essential that children riding the bus come prepared should an emergency situation take place during the colder months.

Parents are required to pay for willful damages their children cause to the school bus.

VIDEO MONITORING ON SCHOOL BUSES

PRSD buses are equipped with audio-video monitoring devices to ensure student & driver safety as per Administrative Procedure 181.

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