

## Bus & School Safety Patrols



Many school buses and school zones are monitored by trained CAA School Safety Patrollers & STSWR Trailblazers. They help keep peers safe, assist younger students with boarding, and support the bus driver in emergencies, all while building leadership skills and traffic safety awareness.

Patrollers wear bright lime green vests for visibility and serve before or after school with adult supervision. STSWR partners with CAA, schools, police, EMS, and bus companies to ensure a safe program.

## Walk or Roll



Daily active transportation to your bus stop or all the way to school will:

- Increase classroom focus up to 4 hours
- Relieve traffic congestion
- Reduce pollution in school communities
- Build road safety skills
- Be more fun than sitting in a car!



## Bus Delays & Cancellations



Parent Portal

To receive text & email notifications regarding your student's transportation, please create an account through the Parent Portal at [www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca).

Do Not Ride/Return to Busing Form

## Do Not Ride / Return To Busing

If your student is in the busing zone but needs partial or no busing, complete the digital "Do Not Ride Form." This helps STSWR ensure accurate headcounts. It is especially important for younger students as this ensures they are not assigned to a bus.

You can opt out of busing entirely or just for morning/afternoon routes. The form notifies your school, bus driver, and STSWR of the change.

If eligible, you can opt back in anytime during the year using the same form.

## Contact us

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Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region

# KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

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## First Riders Program



Held every June, the First Riders Program helps new JK/SK students who are eligible for school bus transportation feel comfortable before starting school in September.

This free program includes important bus safety information, hands-on practice boarding and exiting, and a short ride on a real school bus.

Registration details will be sent out via email/mail in April to families living in the bus zone and shared on STSWR's social media pages.

## Kindie Bus Tags



JK/SK students who ride the school bus home will receive a "Kindie Tag" from their teachers, attached to their backpacks.

Each tag is color-coded to match the student's route and school, providing important information to the bus driver to ensure the student is on the correct bus and gets home safely.

If a Kindie Tag is lost or needs updating, contact the school immediately for a replacement or changes.



## Bus Tips for Families



- Kindergarten students (JK & SK) must be accompanied to, from, and at the bus stop by an adult or older student
- Arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes early to avoid missing the bus
- Remove long drawstrings from outer clothing to prevent accidents
- Support the enforcement of school bus safety rules
- An adult or older student must ask for the JK/SK student by name at the bus door for safe dismissal
- Walk to your bus stop to reduce congestion

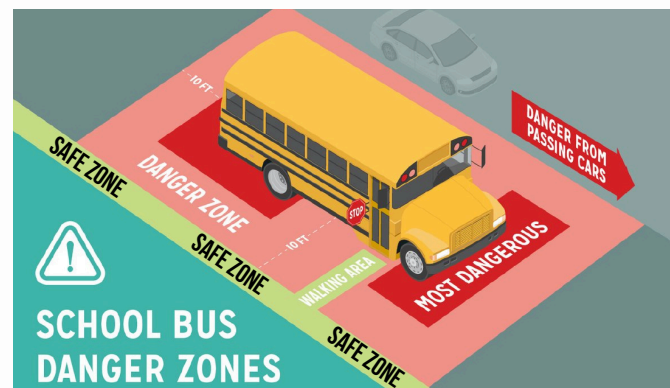
## Rules On the Bus

Kindergarten student's must:

- ✓ Sit in the front rows of the bus & face the front
- ✓ Keep hands, feet, arms & head inside the school bus at all times
- ✓ Follow the driver's & patrollers instructions
- ✓ Use emergency exits only when necessary

## Safety At The Bus Stop

- Stand in line in the '**SAFE ZONE**' (10 big steps away from the road)
- Respect your neighbour's property while you wait
- Stay clear of the '**DANGER ZONES**'
- If you need to cross the road to get on the bus; wait until it stops, the lights flash, & the driver gives you the signal to cross. Check both ways then walk across safely



## Getting On & Off The Bus

- Prepare your belongings before getting on the bus & always keep them packed away
- Wait until the bus stops before approaching
- Enter & exit one-by-one, no pushing or shoving!
- When crossing the road, always cross in front of the bus. Look at the driver, wait for their signal, and check both ways before crossing
- Never stop in the '**DANGER ZONES**'. Ask an adult or the bus driver for help