



### **Bus Safety Program for Students**

The safety and welfare of student riders shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions shall include the following:

1. The principal of each school shall be responsible to initiate a school bus safety program in his/her school. The Transportation Supervisor can assist in locating the appropriate resources.
2. Students shall be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and disembarking from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.
3. Drivers will conduct emergency evacuation drills once per term to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
4. The loading and unloading of students onto school property shall be conducted in accordance with provincial regulations and/or procedures established by the division, and shall be implemented and supervised by school personnel. Loading zone plans have been developed, with the latest version of these plans available on the Park West School Division website at [www.pwsd.ca/loading-zone-plans](http://www.pwsd.ca/loading-zone-plans).
5. All school buses used to transport students will have a safety inspection every six months to see that they meet safety regulations. Preventative maintenance schedules shall be performed between safety inspections at regular intervals, as specified in the latest version of the Safety Plan available on the Park West School Division website at [www.pwsd.ca/driver-vehicle-safety-plan](http://www.pwsd.ca/driver-vehicle-safety-plan).

A bus driver who observes a vehicle passing the school bus when the red signal lights are activated shall notify the Transportation Supervisor of the violation and provide the basic information required by law. The Transportation Supervisor shall convey this information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The school division shall comply with all provincial laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and shall make these requirements known to bus drivers. It also shall cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its school bus safety program.