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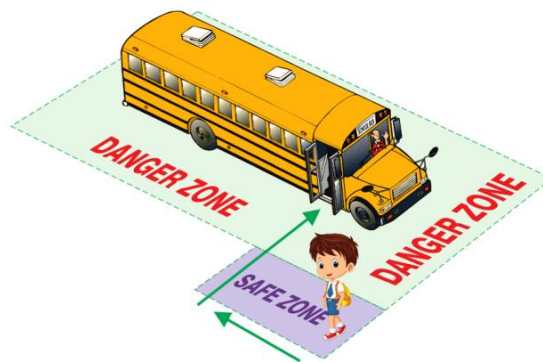
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please review this Bus Behaviour Code of Conduct with your child. Please have your child(ren) sign it and return it to your school bus operator along with your signature. It is very important that these rules are followed by you and your child(ren) so that they can be transported to and from school safely.

### **Bus Behaviour Code of Conduct**

When it comes to waiting for the bus or unloading students from the bus, it is vital to be aware of the **SAFETY ZONE** and **DANGER ZONE**. If your child stands in a position where they could easily touch the bus when it pulls up, he/she is too close and is directly in the **DANGER ZONE**. As you can appreciate your school bus operator is driving a large bus and their concern is the safety of your child. The only way they will know if all students are safe is if they stand in the **SAFETY ZONE**.

When your child arrives to their bus stop in the morning (5 minutes prior to pick-up time), they need to line up in the **SAFETY ZONE** (which is at least 1 metre from the curb) and wait until the bus door opens before they move from the Safety Zone to load the bus. This also applies in the afternoon when the school bus operator drops students off. All students need to wait in their seat until the bus door opens before heading to the **SAFETY ZONE**. Students need to be in the Safety Zone when the bus departs. Students are **NOT** allowed to cross in front or behind the bus during pick up or drop off as Red Deer and Olds do not use alternating flashing red lights to control traffic.



**STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE**  
Wait In Your Safe Zone  
**IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE BUS DRIVER THEY CAN'T SEE YOU!!!**

While we understand that many would like to pick up their child and leave, it is important that students stay in the **SAFETY ZONE** while the bus pulls away. This small act takes less than a minute and ensures that all students are safe.

If you are going to pick up your child at their bus stop, please help keep all children safe by having them stay in the **SAFETY ZONE** until the bus departs. This is a safety requirement for all bus riders. Your school bus operator will be reviewing this procedure with your child on a regular basis.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Transportation Department at 403-309-8801. We look forward to transporting your child this year and working with you to keep the children safe!

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the Bus Behaviour Code of Conduct. I will do my best to set a good example for others and help keep all students safe by abiding by this Code of Conduct.

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Student Name (printed)                      Student Signature                      Route Number

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Student Name (printed)                      Student Signature                      Route Number

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Parent Name (printed)                      Parent Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_