

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to have your Primary child join us this September! We know that starting big school is a giant step for little people (and their families), so we want to make sure you have all the information you need about busing in advance.

How can I check my child's busing information?

Families can look up their child's transportation information and receive email notifications of any routing changes or bus cancellations/delays through an online Parent Portal account. Next year's student transportation information will be available online as soon as routing is completed.

Since your child is currently eligible to take the bus, please note:

- **Families will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to review their child's bus information by the end of July.**
- If you have moved recently, changed contact information or daycare providers, please get in touch with Connect@HRCE at 902-431-4723 or email transportation@hrce.ca as soon as possible as changes may impact your routing and eligibility.

What do families need to know about busing in September?

We all have a role to play in ensuring students are getting to and from school safely. Parents/guardians or a designate are responsible for:

- Accompanying Pre-Primary to Grade 2 students to the bus stop and supervising until safely boarded and greeting the child at the stop at the end of the day.
- If a parent/guardian or designate is not at the stop to meet the child, parents will be contacted, and after the bus run, the child will be returned to the school for pick-up.
- Seat belt buckling and unbuckling their child (less than 40 pounds and 57 inches in height) and only if a seat belt is available. Bus drivers cannot leave their seats.
- At this time, everyone is required to wear non-medical masks on school buses.

Register today for the *First Ride* program!

Our service providers will be hosting a few one-hour workshops this summer to educate families about school bus safety on and around the bus. Register as soon as possible as limited spots are available!

Please get in touch with Connect@HRCE at 902-431-4723 or email transportation@hrce.ca to reserve your preferred date/location. Families can choose between a 2 pm, 4 pm or 6 pm preferred start time for the following dates:

Dates	First Ride Program Locations
August 10	Porters Lake Elementary School
August 11	Georges P. Vanier Junior High
August 17	Halifax West High
August 18	Dartmouth High
August 24	Bay View High School (Sir John A. Macdonald High)
August 25	Rocky Lake Junior High

Please note that dates and times are subject to availability and applicable Public Health measures and guidelines. We will send families a reminder by early August to confirm their workshop details.

For more information on student transportation, please visit hrce.ca/transportation.

We wish you and your family a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Mark Mendoza
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