



# Shawanaga First Nation Education

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## SHAWANAGA SCHOOL BUS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 2020 to 2021

- The Shawanaga First Nation School Bus will provide student transportation for our students only commencing on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Due to the frequent updates and changes regarding COVID-19 we are continuously updating our guidelines. Please be assured that we have the health and safety of our students and the community at the forefront of planning.
- The School Bus will depart each morning at 7:50 a.m. starting at the Shawanaga First Nation Band Office and head into the Village, to Shebeshekong Road, and last stop at the Shawanaga First Nation Gas Bar for daily student pick-up.
- Students are transported to Nobel Public School, and the Parry Sound High School daily as required. The School Bus will leave Parry Sound High School daily at 3:00 p.m. to return to Shawanaga First Nation at the end of each day.
- Students will be assigned a specific seat to ensure physical distancing as much as possible. Students from the same household may share seats if space is limited.
- The seat behind the bus driver must remain vacant at all times.
- Masks must be worn at all times by students in Grades 4 and up while on the school bus. Face shields may be used as well, however, these face shields **do not** replace the masks.
- No eating or drinking on the bus! The School Bus will be cleaned daily after each trip.
- **Parents must assess the health of their child(ren) before getting on the school bus. Parents must be responsible for daily screening of their own children before boarding the school bus. If your child cannot board the bus, parents must be available at all times to pick up their child(ren) or delegate an emergency contact. This information must be updated with the Shawanaga First Nation Education Administration office: (email: [administration.edu@shawanagafirstnation.ca](mailto:administration.edu@shawanagafirstnation.ca) or text 705-774-8943).**
- Please note: The Bus Driver may take the temperature of each student before boarding the bus if warranted. If the student is ill or has any symptoms of illness or has been in close contact with someone who has symptoms, they must stay home.
- During this concerning time of COVID all Courtesy Transportation Eligibility, as shown on Page 2 on the back herein will **not** be permitted. The Shawanaga First Nation School Bus will provide student transportation for Shawanaga First Nation students only.

If at any time you feel you have symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell:

- Get tested for COVID-19 at an Assessment Centre. (Brenda Tabobondung RN can do symptomatic testing in the community).
- Self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms if not tested: OR
- be advised by a health care provider that symptoms are not due to COVID-19 and not new or worsening – they can then return to school. The Health Unit can be contacted between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at [1-800-563-2808 extension 6](tel:1-800-563-2808), or the COVID Assessment Centre at [705-746-4540 ext. 5030](tel:705-746-4540) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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### SHAWANAGA FIRST NATION SCHOOL BUS POLICY - TRANSPORTATION IS FOR STUDENTS ONLY Page 2

**Shawanaga First Nation Students** will ensure as little distraction as possible for the bus driver and are responsible for the following:

- Be at designated pick-up locations on time.
- Go directly to their seats and stay seated while the bus is in motion.
- No profane language, no loud noises, no disruptive behavior on the bus.
- Students will keep all parts of the body inside the bus.
- No vandalism; respect bus property. Students will be responsible for any deliberate damages to the bus.
- Students will place all trash in the proper place as they exit the bus; no throwing anything out of the bus.
- Students must never interfere with emergency doors, exits, or any part of the bus equipment.
- In an emergency situation, students should remain on the bus unless the driver instructs otherwise.
- ***Anyone under the influence of a controlled substance of any kind is NOT permitted on the school bus. The Bus Driver must contact the Education Department Administrator who will contact the parent/guardian of the student immediately. The Principal at the school in question will also be notified immediately.***
- If an emergency situation is a threat to the Bus Driver or any student(s) the Bus Driver has the authority to call the Police.
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The **Bus Driver** is obligated to report any incident to the Shawanaga First Nation Education Department.

The **Education** Department is obligated to notify the student and parent/guardian of any incident, and if deemed necessary may suspend the student's bus riding privileges depending upon the severity of actions. Bus suspensions are subjective to student and student history.

#### **Bus suspensions may follow as shown: (Parents are notified in writing of all incidents)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Incident: Driver advises the Education Department that a student will be receiving verbal warning.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: Education Department suspending student from the bus for one day.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Incident: Education Department suspending student from the bus for three days.
- Serious Incidents: Education Department may suspend student until further notice.

#### **Courtesy Transportation Eligibility**

Non-residing Shawanaga First Nation students that require courtesy transportation **to and from** Shawanaga must provide the Education Department with adequate notice so that the bus driver is notified in due time. For eligibility the students' parent/guardian must contact the Education Department Administration Office directly on the date of transportation. Requests will **not** be eligible from students. (Office 705-366-2029 Text 705-774-8943)

***Note: Shawanaga First Nation is not responsible for any claims to visitors riding our school bus when courtesy transportation is allowed. This is understood for all insurance purposes and liability issues.***