



District Introduces Bus Passes

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The Vernon School District is starting a new program which will see all students who take a bus, issued a bus pass.

The pass will have to be presented to the driver when getting on the bus and all students must be registered to ride.

If you require school bus transportation and have not already done so, please register your child ASAP," says a note emailed to parents by the District's Transportation department. "You can register on the district website at www.sd22.bc.ca following the links to the transportation page."

The department says the change will increase student safety and ensure students are riding on the right bus.

There will be a procedure in place should a student forget their pass.

"If this occurs in the morning, the driver will note the child's name and school and will advise the Transportation office. The Transportation office will confirm that the child is a registered rider and advise the school to provide a temp pass for the child to ride home, with a reminder notice that students are to carry and present their bus pass when riding."

The District says the bus passes will increase student safety by helping to ensure students load the correct buses, provide school staff with the ability to assist students with bussing as required, and ensure only School District students are riding the bus

Bus Pass Information and Tips:

- Elementary students are to affix their bus pass to their packs. Zip ties will be provided to elementary school riders. Secondary students can choose to carry or affix their bus passes
- Bus passes are required to ride and are to be presented to the driver each time you board the bus
- Lost or damaged bus passes can be replaced at a fee of \$10/pass through the Transportation department.
- Bus passes will replace the kindergarten bag tags and will serve the same purpose for kindergarten students.

Parents can contact the Transportation department by email at transdept@sd22.bc.ca or by phone at 250-549-9281 with any questions.

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