

Transportation for Kindergarten Students: Voluntary Wristband Identification Program

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In September each year there are hundreds of kindergarten students riding on school buses and for some it is their first time. The safety of these children, as is the case for all students, is of paramount importance to all of us.

As an effective way of making this experience a positive one for new kindergarten students, STSCO is once again providing wristbands for children entering into kindergarten and who are eligible for school bus transportation. The coloured wristband will assist all partners (school staff and bus drivers) in identifying our very young students particularly during the very busy period of school start-up in September.

Wristband Identification Program Details:

1. The wristband along with an instructional sheet is available at the school. The wristbands are colour coded for each School Board. Blue signifies the student is enrolled with a catholic school (PVNC). Red signifies the student is enrolled with a public school (KPR).
2. Parents are responsible to fill out pertinent information on wristbands and attach them to their child's wrist. Parents are requested to print clearly and include all of the following information.
 - Name of the Student (first initial, last name)
 - Name of the school
 - Bus Route number
 - Bus Stop location
 - Telephone Numbers (home/work/caregiver)
3. Wristbands should be worn for the first five transported days.
4. As parents/guardians, if you decide not to participate in the Wristband Identification Program please return the wristband to your school office.

The Wristband Program received favourable responses last year as a means to effectively identify and help young students with their transportation needs. Parents are encouraged to participate in this program once again as we continue to provide safe and effective transportation to all students.

Sincerely,



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Voluntary Wristband Identification Program

Wristband Application Instructions:

1. Using a waterproof pen, write on the information card the name of the student(first initial and last name), school, bus route number, bus stop location, telephone numbers(home/emergency)
2. Take the wristband and find the pocket opening located before the row of holes.
3. Hold the wristband so the pocket opening is up and the snap is down.
4. Face the card with the student information down and slide the card all the way into the pocket.
5. Wrap the wristband around the students wrist so the information may be read standing in front of the wristband with the snap stud facing upward.
6. Wrap the free end of the wristband to overlap the snap stud. Select a hole, which will allow the band to be loose enough for a finger to fit in between the band and the wrist.
7. Fold the tab with the snap over and push it onto the stud until they snap together.
8. Excess on the free end of the wristband may be cut off with a pair of blunt scissors, carefully cut the strap so there are no sharp edges.
9. Carefully turn the wristband completely over so the student information is facing down.
(If a student's information needs to be checked, the wristband can be flipped back over)
10. Wristbands should be worn for the first five transported days.
11. To remove the wristband, cut off with blunt end scissors. Do not use a knife or any other sharp instrument to remove.
12. Additional wristbands and cards are available at the school.