



Policy Section: **School Administration**

Policy Name: **Safe Arrival**

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board that, in partnership with parents and/or guardians, all elementary schools will account for the absence of students at school arrival times.

Rationale

This policy recognizes the need for communication between home and school to ensure the safe arrival of all students at school.

Guidelines

1. In each elementary school the principal, in consultation with School Council and staff, will develop workable procedures to ensure that all students are accounted for.

Safe arrival procedures, are not limited to, but, will reflect the following information:

- i) There is an expectation that parents will inform schools of a student’s absence in advance.
- ii) Indicate the method(s) parents should use to advise schools of student absence.
- iii) There is an expectation teachers will inform the office promptly when a student is absent.
- iv) Where a student is not accounted for the school will make every effort to contact parents and/or guardians or emergency numbers.
- v) Where all reasonable attempts to verify the student absence have left the student unaccounted for, the principal will make a determination regarding the next steps to be taken considering factors such as the student’s age, attendance patterns and involvement in community events.

2. The principal will ensure each school has a directory with contact phone numbers for parents or guardians, etc. for each student at the school and that a new directory is established in September of each school year. Parents have a responsibility to ensure that

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up-to-date data for home, work and emergency telephone numbers are available in the school office.

3. Parent volunteers may be used for verification of safe arrival. When this occurs, parents will be required to sign an Oath of Confidentiality and should only have access to the information required to complete the verification process.

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