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<p>Statement</p>	<p>WESTS is committed to ensuring the safety of all students including those in emergency situations. To this end annual school bus safety programs have been developed to ensure that students are aware of what action is to be taken in emergency situations as well as ensuring ongoing safety on the bus.</p> <p>These programs are delivered by the School Bus Operators in conjunction with WESTS as well as community service providers and contracted organizations. The programs may include First Ride program for new bus riders, Bus Patrol training, Bus Evacuation training and any other safety training programs as deemed beneficial by the General Manager.</p> <p>The purpose of the training is to increase safety awareness as well as improve the riding experience for the students on the buses.</p>
<p>Procedures</p>	<p>First Ride Program A first ride program that familiarizes students new to busing will be provided each year. The program will include allowing the children to go on a trial bus ride as well as informing parents regarding the rules and their responsibilities with respect to bussing. The program will be reviewed by WESTS for completeness. Operators are required to provide WESTS with the information regarding the number of attendees, by school.</p> <p>Bus Patrol Program The bus patrol program will be provided to students that have been identified as safety patrols as per GT-034.</p> <p>Bus Evacuation Program The bus evacuation program is conducted by the bus operators at each elementary school during National School Bus Safety Week. The purpose of the program is to ensure that students are prepared in cases of emergency. All students from JK to Grade 8, including special needs students, are involved in the program. The bus patrols assist with actual bus evacuation drills and there is an instructional video that accompanies the training.</p>



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	<p>The bus operators forward a list of all schools that have had the training and the training date to WESTS for tracking purposes.</p> <p>Other Programs At any time that a program comes available that will assist in improving the safety and bus riding experience the schools are contacted and requested to have the training at their schools.</p>
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