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<p>Statement</p>	<p>The Bus Patrol program is provided on an annual basis for all new and returning bus patrols. The program is delivered collaboratively with various Police Services within the city and county, who receive their training from CAA. In addition, Emergency Response Providers and Essex County Fire Departments are involved in providing training and tools.</p> <p>This training is recommended by the board’s insurer as it deals with issues that impact liability for school bus operators.</p> <p>WESTS is responsible for overseeing the content of the program and reviews the program on an annual basis.</p>
<p>Selection of Bus Patrols</p>	<p>Bus patrols are selected from students who regularly ride the bus. The selection of students is done by the bus driver, generally determined by the geography of their stops. School administration is asked for input into the selection.</p> <p>Bus patrols must be at least 11 years of age. Qualities that would make a successful bus patrol include good leadership skills, communication skills, demonstrated responsibility, and good school attendance record.</p> <p>Bus patrols should be identified by the end of the second week of school.</p> <p>If a bus patrol leaves the bus or for other reasons is no longer able to fulfill their duties for the school year, the school will work with the bus driver to identify a substitute. This substitute will have received or will receive the Bus Patrol training.</p>
<p>Role of Bus Patrol</p>	<p>Bus patrols have no authority and do not discipline other students rather they set a good example by following the rules.</p> <p>Bus patrols are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (safety vests) while riding the bus and performing bus patrol duties off the bus. The safety vests are provided by WESTS.</p> <p>A maximum of three (3) bus patrols will be assigned to each 72-passenger bus. One patrol is assigned to the</p>



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	<p>front of the bus, one is assigned to the rear of the bus, and the third will be in a central area, if applicable.</p> <p>Bus patrols will ensure they follow the direction of the bus driver and report all incidents of violence or disruptive behaviour to the driver.</p>
Training of Bus Patrols	<p>Bus patrol training will take place in early fall once all bus patrols have been selected for the schools.</p> <p>The training will be done in conjunction with Local Police Departments with CAA training as per the board's insurer recommendations, the Bus Operators and Emergency Response Personnel and Local Fire Departments as available.</p> <p>The bus patrol training will include hands on training, viewing the training video and provision of the bus patrol handbook to each patrol.</p> <p>Any bus patrols that are selected during the school year will be provided with the bus patrol handbook and the school will ensure that the patrol has the opportunity to view the training video. The bus driver will provide further direction and training to the new patrol as needed.</p>
Recognition of Bus Patrols	<p>Each year the bus patrols will be recognized in conjunction with the foot patrols with a token of appreciation as determined by the Windsor Essex School Safety Patrol Association (WESSPA). Funding will be provided through the WESSPA.</p>