

Code of Conduct on Water Taxis

Eligibility for school transportation is based on School District 64's policies and procedures. Water taxi safety protocols are established to maintain a safe and reliable mode of transport. All students are accountable to their school Principal and the Director of Transportation, who have the authority to ensure appropriate conduct on water taxis. Transportation on the water taxi is a privilege, and failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in the loss of transportation privileges. Safety heavily depends on student behavior, so it's crucial that students act responsibly in and around the water taxi. To enhance safety, School District 64 authorizes the use of video surveillance equipment on the water taxi as per policy 3650. It's important that we all work together to keep our students safe while traveling on the water taxi. Students need to uphold the following expectations to ride the water taxi:

Expectations of Water Taxi Riders:

- Always listen to the water taxi crew, as they are responsible for the safe operation of the water taxi.
- Students should wait at the top of the ramp until the captain signals that it is safe to proceed to the boat.
- While riding the water taxi, students must always remain seated, facing forward with their feet on the ground until the vessel comes to a complete stop. Improper seating can result in serious injury and safety issues if blocking the aisles. For safety, feet should not be placed on the seatbacks.
- There should be no roughhousing or other aggressive physical contact.
- Use the provided transportation card when embarking and disembarking the water taxi.
- All passengers must be at the dock five minutes prior to departure.
- Water taxi transportation is not available to non-registered riders.
- Speak quietly. Excessive noise, loud singing, or shouting can distract the water taxi operator and compromise safety.
- Keep aisles clear of belongings to avoid tripping hazards and ensure safe evacuation if necessary. Personal belongings, including backpacks, must be stowed under the seat or on your lap.
- Student language on the water taxi should adhere to the same standards as in SD64 schools. Do not use abusive language or profanity.
- Do not throw items, smoke, vape, fight, or engage in any activity that may interfere with the safe operation of the vessel or endanger others.
- Food and drink consumption should be kept to a minimum to avoid spills. Any food or drinks allowed to be consumed on the boat is ultimately at the discretion of the Water Taxi Crew.
- No live animals are permitted, except for certified guide/assistance animals.
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones or headphones/electronic devices during the loading or unloading process.
- Use of electronic devices, including cell phones and headphones, must be appropriate and must not disturb other students or the water taxi crew.
- Students must embark and disembark at their home island port and the island where they attend school.
- Do not willfully damage the water taxi. Parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of repairs.
- Do not leave garbage on board the vessel.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for their students' safety until they board the water taxi, while boarding, and after disembarking. This includes travel to and from the port.

For any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 250-537-5723 or email transportation@sd64.org.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____