

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Safe Arrival</b>		
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<b>References</b>			
Policy/Program Memorandum No. 123;			

**Policy:**

## 1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board's Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Ministry of Education and Training Policy/Program Memorandum No. 123 states "A safe arrival program is a system of procedures which are performed together with daily school attendance taking. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's safety. Safe arrival programs are a mechanism that parents and schools can use to account for any pupil's unexplained failure to arrive at school."
- 1.3 Bluewater District School Board is committed to supporting parents in providing for the safety of their children in the community at large.

## 2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board to work in partnership with parents to ensure the safe arrival of their children. Each school's safe-arrival program will reflect the local needs and particular circumstances of the school and its community. Such programs are developed and reviewed in consultation with school councils, Home and School Associations, band councils, parents, and community members.
- 2.2 It is the intent of this policy to support parents and guardians in their responsibility for their children's safety. Bluewater District School Board is committed to ensuring that a safe arrival program is in place in each elementary school.
- 2.3 This policy applies to all elementary schools within the jurisdiction of the Bluewater District School Board.

## 3.0 SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

- 3.1 Safe arrival programs enhance a safe and supportive learning environment.
- 3.2 Schools and parents will work together to ensure safe arrival of their children to school.
- 3.3 Safe arrival programs work in conjunction with daily school attendance taking.