



## SAFE ARRIVAL

Legal References:	<a href="#"><u>Education Act</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum No. 123</u></a>
Related References:	<a href="#"><u>Administrative Procedure 1520 Safe Arrival Program</u></a>
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### 1. Purpose

The Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), as directed by the Ministry of Education, is committed to a safe arrival program, which requires that:

- 1.1 all elementary schools have procedures in place that are conducted in conjunction with daily school attendance-taking procedures and that aim to account for any student's unexplained failure to arrive at school through reasonable efforts to make timely contact with families/caregivers;
- 1.2 safe arrival programs are developed and implemented by schools with advice from school councils, band councils, families/caregivers, volunteers, and other community members;
- 1.3 the design of specific procedures reflects local needs and the particular circumstances of the school and the community;
- 1.4 schools, families/caregivers, school councils, band councils, and communities work cooperatively for the successful development and implementation of safe arrival programs;
- 1.5 safe arrival programs are designed to be flexible, with a view to achieving overall effectiveness, efficiency, and economy.