**NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Section	Revised
Transportation – Student Safety	July 31, 2012

SS – 008 School Bus Safety Patrol Program	
General Statement	The Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS) fully supports the use of school bus safety patrollers. Where the opportunity exists, the NPSSTS will liaise and partner with the CAA, local police and emergency services authorities, school bus operators, and Member School Boards to establish Safety Patroller programs in its region of operation.
Operational Procedure	On an annual basis, the school principal, in consultation with the school bus driver, will recommend students for participation in the School Bus Safety Patrol Program. School Bus Safety Patrollers must complete a School Bus Patroller Application Form signed by a parent/guardian and the school principal. These will be kept on file at the school. Training courses will be offered to all approved students in order to ensure they have the skills and information necessary to perform their duties as a school bus safety patroller. The NPSSTS will assist and work with member school boards, local police and emergency services authorities, school bus operators, and other key community stakeholders to provide this training on an annual basis. The primary duties of the bus safety patrollers are: 1. to assist younger students when embarking and disembarking from the school bus; 2. to assist in the safe crossing of students who must cross the road under the protection of the school bus's flashing lights; 3. to assist in emergency evacuation situations, and 4. to foster qualities of leadership, responsibility, and good citizenship. Any students, including Patrollers, who witness misconduct on the school bus and feel an adult should be made aware of the situation should report the incident directly to their principal. At any point following the training, the NPSSTS may review bus safety patrollers to ensure that the individual has retained and is actively practicing the procedures and protocols taught in the training.