

# Kids Ride the Bus

## Planning a Bus Trip

### Overview

Bus schedules are used throughout North America for literacy testing due to their complexity of connecting information. This learning activity will build student's life skills in understanding how maps and schedules are related and provide the opportunity for the student to act as mentors by teaching their families and friends how to read the bus schedule.

### BIG IDEAS




#### Social Studies 3

People from diverse cultures and societies share some common experiences and aspects of life.

#### English Language Arts 3

Stories and other texts help us learn about ourselves, our family and our communities.

### Activities

-  **Map:** Choose a route that has a recognizable destination such as your school, public library or recreation centre. Students will review the map and see what other destinations are on the map.
-  **Home Exercise:** Students will plan a bus trip with their family to go to a popular destination. If they are not on a bus route, the family might consider walking, cycling or using a car to a bus exchange, and catch the bus to their final destination. Student will report back to the class.
-  **Win a Bus Trip:** As a class, students will develop a field trip accessible by bus and walking. They will identify the benefits of taking the bus and why they chose the destination for the field trip. Submit the field trip campaign to [marketing@bctransit.com](mailto:marketing@bctransit.com) and **enter to win free transportation for your class**. Three classes will be chosen annually.

### Resources

**Map:** Individual route map PDFs are available under Schedules and Maps in your local community page of [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com). System maps are included in the Rider's Guide.

**Schedules:** Rider's Guides are available at your municipal hall or online at [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com)

**How to Read a Schedule:** See [www.bctransit.com/KidsRidetheBus](http://www.bctransit.com/KidsRidetheBus) Trip planning feature is available in selected communities. More communities will be added to the trip planner over the next few years.

**Field Trip:** To engage in the field trip offer, contact [marketing@bctransit.com](mailto:marketing@bctransit.com)

**Fare:** visit your local fare page <https://bctransit.com/victoria/fares> to total fares for your class and family.