



The Picture above illustrates where the tag will be located on the backpack . Parents and the schools will ensure that a tag is present if required. The driver seeing the purple tag will ask the student if an adult or older sibling is present to receive the student at the drop-off location.



**Purple Tag means a student must be met at the bus stop by a student recognized adult or older sibling.**

## Need More Info?

More information on the PEP program can be collected at your local school or by calling the Transportation Safety Officer at 416-394-6173. More details can also be found on line at [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org)



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# Purple Equals Parent

The Purple Equals Parent or PEP program is designed to assist the driver to identify students who must be met. A purple band/tag will be affixed to a student's backpack as an indicator that they must be met. The program requires the involvement of a number of partners including parents, schools, school bus company, school bus driver,

the Transportation Department and the student. Each stakeholder has a role to play in ensuring the safe delivery of students home at the end of the day.



Students must know what to do if an Adult or Older Sibling is not able to receive them at the stop

## Roles & Responsibilities

**The Parent:** is responsible to notify the school that their child must be met at the school bus drop-off.

They are responsible to be at the stop on time to meet their child or to notify school staff that they will not be able to pick up their child, in which case the child will remain at the school for the parent to pick-up. Parents should approach the doorway to receive their children.

**The Student:** is responsible to keep the purple tag on their backpack and report a missing tag to their parents or school.

They are responsible to know who is to meet them at the bus stop. If the person who normally meets them is not there, they need to inform the driver.

**The Driver:** is responsible to check for the purple tag on backpacks and to ensure the student is met by asking the student if they see their caregiver. If an adult (or responsible older sibling) is not at the stop, the driver will contact dispatch and await instructions on how to proceed.

**The Bus Company:** is responsible to train their drivers so they know the purple tag drop-off procedures.

**The School:** is responsible for tagging all students in the PEP program and to replace tags as necessary. School staff will inform the Transportation Department of all tagged students and transportation issues.

**The Transportation Department:** is responsible to provide the student lists, brochures, and the purple bands to the schools and bus companies for use.

## My Information

School Name:

School Phone:

From School Stop Location:

From School Stop Time:

From School Bus Company:

From School Bus Company Phone:

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