

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

Please call 443-550-8786 with questions or concerns about Transportation.

BUS SAFETY ON THE WAY TO, AT, and FROM THE BUS STOP

1. Parents are responsible for their child's safety and behavior from the time they leave home, until they board the bus, and after they disembark the bus.
2. An adult or family member must be present at the bus stop for students in Pre-K through 2nd grade. Students will be returned to school when no one is present at drop-off.
3. The lack of sidewalks, streetlights, or shelters are not reasons for adjustments to bus routes/bus stops.
4. Parents must have children standing at the bus stop where they are visible to the bus driver 5 minutes before the typical pick-up time (not inside a car, inside the doorway of a home, or on the front porch).
5. Do not move towards the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
6. If you must cross a road, make eye contact with the driver, and follow their direction.
7. Wait until all traffic has stopped in both directions before crossing the road. Look left, look right, then look left, again.
8. Do not use a cell phone or wear earphones when approaching or walking away from a bus.
9. If you drop something near a bus, do not get it on your own. First, tell the bus driver. Second, wait until your driver tells you it is safe to get the thing you dropped.
10. Always go straight home. Do not interact with strangers.
11. If you "See Something" unusual, "Say Something" to an adult, and "Do Something" about it.

MISCONDUCT

Bus drivers are required to assign seats on the bus and to report misconduct to the school principal/designee. Riding privileges may be suspended. Please refer to the CCPS Code of Conduct for specific details.

SAFETY RULES FOR RIDERS ON BOARD THE BUS

Transportation is a privilege which can be suspended when student behavior disrupts the provision of safe and orderly transport. Students must conduct themselves as they would in the classroom. The driver has the responsibility and authority to correct behavior, including bullying and harassment. As per CCPS policy and procedures, all buses are equipped with CCPS-maintained audio-visual surveillance equipment.

1. Be courteous; NO profane or abusive language.
2. DO NOT bully, tease, or harass anyone on the bus.
3. NO food, drink, candy, or gum on the bus.
4. NO perfumed body spray, deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc. is to be used while on the bus. *Asthma/Allergies*
5. Always keep all body parts and objects inside the bus. Do not extend or discard anything through open windows.
6. Enter/exit through the front door. Rear doors are for emergencies only.
7. Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop. No standing, kneeling, or turning around.
8. Classroom voices. Loud voices/noises distract the driver.

9. Keep the aisle clean and clear. ALL bags/packs/instruments must fit in the students lap or under seat.
 - a. NO sports bag or instrument can be placed in the aisle or take up a seat.
 - b. Your child must be able to carry their belongings safely and independently up and down the steps and lift them over the seats to avoid hitting other passengers.
10. Students and/or parents must repay the cost of repairs resulting from vandalism or the student will be prosecuted.
11. Balloons are not permitted on a bus. They obstruct the driver's vision.
12. Student use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products including Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), is prohibited on the bus, in school buildings, and on school grounds.

COMMUNICATION AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students can use electronic devices on buses. At no time may students be disruptive when using these devices on school buses. The camera, flash and audio-visual recording functions must not be used on the bus. Sound must only be audible through headphones/earbuds.

The bus driver has the right to suspend a student from the bus for one (1) day due to a serious safety disruption ONLY AFTER FIRST reporting the one (1) day suspension to both school officials and the parents of the disruptive student.

Consequences for violations of school bus rules on the last day of school can be assessed the following year.

