

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Students using district transportation should understand that they are under the jurisdiction of the school from the time they board the bus until they are deposited at school or are deposited at the stop nearest their home.

1. Pupils shall arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Pupils shall wait in a safe place, clear of traffic until the bus stops, door is open, red flashing lights are on, and the driver has directed you to proceed.
3. Pupils shall wait in an orderly line and avoid horseplay.
4. Pupils shall cross the road or street in front of the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop and upon direction of the driver (10 foot minimum crossing distance).
5. Pupils shall go directly to an available or assigned seat when entering the bus and move in toward the window. Pupil is not permitted to change seats when the bus is in motion. At that time they must (if provided on the bus) fasten their seat belts which they are required to wear.
6. Pupils shall remain seated until they have reached their designated stop and the bus has come to a complete stop. Aisles and exits must be kept clear at all times and emergency door will be used for emergencies only.
7. Everyone shall observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully. The driver is in complete charge of the bus and his/her decisions and requests must be followed.
8. Pupil is permitted to carry only objects that can be held on their lap.
9. Pupils shall refrain from throwing or passing objects on, from or into buses.
10. Pupil shall refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
11. Pupil shall respect the rights and safety of others.
12. Pupil shall refrain from leaving or boarding the bus at locations other than assigned stoops at home or school. Students may ride only the bus that they have been assigned. (exceptions will only be made with a note from the principal.)
13. Pupil is prohibited from extending head, arms or objects out of the bus windows. Students will not be allowed to lower windows without permission of the driver.
14. Only authorized riders will be permitted on the bus.
15. When necessary, students will be expected to sit three passengers to a seat.
16. Pupil is prohibited from using tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any controlled substance. The police will be notified whenever a student is involved with the possession and/or use of alcohol, drugs or any illegal substance.
17. Pupil shall not carry hazardous material, nuisance items and animals onto the bus.
18. Pupil shall refrain from the use of profane language, obscene gestures, excessive noise, fighting, wrestling or acts of physical aggression on the bus.
19. Pupil is prohibited from hitching rides via bumper or other parts of the bus.
20. Students/parents will be held responsible for any and all damages to the bus perpetrated by the student.

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21. No marking or defacing the bus.
22. Anything that would create or poses a safety hazard for the passengers or bus is prohibited.
23. No student shall be put off the bus while traveling to and from school. Parents shall be notified and the daily trip completed before the student can be removed from transportation service.

There may be circumstances that could result in immediate suspension from the bus—such disciplinary action to be at the discretion of the appropriate school administrator. The following procedure will be used whenever rules have been broken.

First Offence will result in a letter of warning with a copy sent to the student's parent/guardian, and a copy kept in file at the school office and transportation office.

Second Offence will result in a one hour after school detention. Parents must be notified prior to the implementation of the detention. It becomes the parents/guardian's to transport or arrange other transportation for their child home after a detention.

Third Offence will result in an immediate five (5) day suspension from ANY bus. (This includes field trips, sports events or any activities).

All suspensions represent school days, not calendar days.

If a pupil has been denied the privilege to ride a school bus for disciplinary reasons, the parent/guardian of that pupil has the right to appeal within ten (10) days of suspension to the authority that suspended this pupil's riding privilege.

Until the appeal is heard, or if the suspension of the pupil's privilege to ride the school bus is upheld it shall be the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide transportation to and from school for that pupil for the period of the suspension.