

STUDENT BUS CONDUCT RULES

1. Each student shall be responsible for the safety of self.
2. The bus driver is in full charge of all persons riding the bus and has the same status and authority as a teacher insofar as discipline is concerned. Students shall obey the directions of the bus driver promptly and courteously.
3. Students shall board and leave the bus at their established stop, except when they have a request signed by their parent/guardian and approved by their principal to board or leave from another established stop. Students shall ride their assigned bus unless reassigned by the respective school principal or designee.
4. Students shall observe safe pedestrian practices while walking to and from the bus stop. Students shall arrive at their designated bus stop not less than five (5) minutes nor more than ten (10) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Student shall wait in an orderly manner and shall respect private and public property while waiting at the bus stop.
5. After the bus has come to a complete stop, students shall enter the bus, go directly to an available or assigned seat, and remain seated until the bus stops to unload students.
6. If it is necessary for students to cross the road before boarding or after leaving the bus, the student must walk twelve (12) feet in front of the bus until an all clear signal is given by the driver, then cross carefully.
7. A parent/guardian or another responsible person shall be available at the bus stop in the afternoon to meet kindergarten, pre-kindergarten and Head Start students. Due to safety concerns, those children will not be dropped off unless a designated person is available, and will instead be returned to their schools. Responsible individuals include parents, guardians and older siblings. With prior written approval from a parent or guardian, students will be released to other designated adults. This rule applies to public and non-public school students who ride district buses, but does not affect students in higher grades.
8. Students shall talk quietly and avoid loud or distracting noises on the bus. Students shall avoid unnecessary conversations with the driver while the bus is moving. Absolute silence is required when the driver stops the bus at a railroad crossing.
9. Students shall not tamper with emergency doors or equipment.
10. Students must keep all parts of their body (hands, arms, feet, head, etc.) inside the bus at all times. No materials are to be thrown inside the bus, from the bus, or into the bus. Eating and drinking is not allowed on the bus except when unusual circumstances exist and prior approval is given by school transportation personnel.
11. School district policies and procedures pertaining to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, and weapons are in effect at the bus stop and on the bus.
12. Breakable containers; laser pointers; skateboards; hazardous materials; cigarette lighters; matches; large class or lab projects; animals (other than assistive animals); illegal, dangerous, or disruptive items are not permitted on any school bus. Any items carried on the bus must be small enough to be held on the lap of the student.
13. The deliberate destruction or defacing of the interior or exterior of the bus by a student will result in a disciplinary hearing and may result in immediate loss of bus privileges for a minimum of five (5) school days. It may be required that restitution for damages be made before the student's bus privileges are reinstated.
14. The student shall demonstrate respect for self, peers, and authority.
15. Students who refuse to promptly obey the instructions of the driver or who refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the bus.