

STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES

The law requires school systems to furnish transportation for students in Grades K-8. However, riding the bus is contingent upon appropriate student behavior. Consequently, the Board shall require children to behave in a manner consistent with the district's core values and behavior indicators and the established bus rules listed below.

The right of students to ride on the bus depends upon their behavior and the observance of the rules contained herein. Any action which endangers safe operation of the bus may cause the suspension of the student's right to ride on the bus. Drivers/monitors are authorized to enforce the rules and to make other suggestions in line with good citizenship.

Bus Conduct Rules:

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students at all times. This is to include the transportation portion of a field trip. The safety of all is the driver's responsibility. Students will obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
2. All students will be ready in the morning 10 minutes before the time the school bus usually arrives at the pick-up point. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
3. Drivers may assign seats on the bus and students will take the assigned seats.
4. Students shall be picked up and discharged only at regular designated stops. Permission shall not be granted to allow students to leave the bus at any other place.
5. Students are not to stand or move about when the bus is in motion. Students are to remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
6. Normal conversation among students is allowed on the bus. Boisterous speech, profane language, gestures and shouting out of windows shall not be tolerated. Students shall not throw objects while on the bus, shall not extend their arms or head out the window and shall keep the aisles and emergency door clear at all times.
7. Bullying behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

8. Students shall help keep the bus clean. Waste containers are provided on all buses.
9. All school policies regarding substance use or weapons of any kind apply to the school bus.
10. Any and all damage done to seats or other equipment on or in the bus will be paid for by the responsible party or parties.
11. Drivers may restrict carry-on items on the buses if the size of item poses a potential hazard or reduces seating capacity for other passengers.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE STUDENT BEHAVIOR ON BUSES

A breach of the school bus rules may result in suspension of bus privileges.

FIRST OFFENSE: The bus driver/monitor will speak with the student about his/her behavior.

SECOND OFFENSE: The bus driver/monitor will provide the student's principal with a completed written behavior report form. The principal will speak to the student. Parents and/or guardians shall be notified and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

THIRD OFFENSE: The bus driver/monitor will provide the student's principal with a completed behavior report. If the need exists, the principal and bus driver/monitor will meet with the student and his/her parent/guardian. The student's bus riding privileges will be suspended for a period of time deemed appropriate.

The first and second offenses above may be omitted for any serious violation or any repeated violation.

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