
STUDENT SAFETY AND CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES

The following rules or regulations are for student safety and conduct on school buses and other school vehicles. (NOTE: Throughout this policy, any time “bus” is used, the same applies to any other school vehicle.)

A. STUDENT BEHAVIOR AT BUS STOPS:

1. Students will demonstrate respect and care for private property and others’ space.
2. Students will arrive on time at bus stops. Buses are on a schedule and cannot wait for students who are late.
3. Students will wait for buses at the designated stops listed on the school bus schedule. When waiting for a school bus, students will stay off the road and back from the intersection approximately ten feet. Students will wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching. All students who cross the road will do so approximately ten feet in front of the bus.
4. Students will board and disembark in an orderly manner.

B. STUDENT BEHAVIOR ON BUSES:

1. Students will obey school bus rules and driver’s directions.
2. Students will remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
3. Students will keep all items inside the bus.
4. Students will use kind, considerate, polite, and safe language and gestures.
5. Students will honor others’ physical space--keeping hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
6. Students will use the emergency exit only when instructed to do so by the driver or in cases of an emergency.
7. Students will take care of and show appreciation for the property of the school bus company and others.
8. Students will put all trash in the containers provided on each bus.
9. Students will be law-abiding citizens. Students will not possess or use illegal substances on any bus.
10. Students will be a positive role model for others.

C. DISCIPLINE:

1. Students who fail to comply with these safety and conduct rules may lose bus transportation privileges. Students responsible for any damage to a school vehicle may be held liable for all related costs to repair the vehicle.
2. The first violation by a student for anything other than vandalism and/or bodily harm prompts a written notice to the student’s parent and/or a parental conference with the transportation supervisor and/or school principal. Violations for vandalism to a bus and/or bodily harm to another student may result in suspension of bus transportation privileges.



3. A second violation for anything other than vandalism and/or bodily harm may result in a suspension of bus transportation privileges for up to one week.
4. Subsequent violations may result in weekly suspensions or a recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools who may suspend the student's bus transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year. Students enrolled in Special Education programs may be provided with alternative transportation rather than being excluded except when short suspensions (not to exceed one week each) are considered by the Director of Pupil Services and the Superintendent of Schools to be a potentially positive learning experience.
5. For Students Who Ride On "Late" Buses from After-School Activities
Because student attendance at after school activities is optional, bus transportation privileges for late buses will be allowed only if the student observes the student behavior rules and regulations.
 - a. The first violation shall result in a 10-day suspension of late bus transportation privileges; these privileges will not be restored after the 10-day period unless the student's parent/guardian has talked with the school principal about the issue.
 - b. The second violation will result in a suspension of late bus transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year.
6. All suspensions from transportation shall be consistent with Policy JGD: Suspensions.

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