

School Bus Rules

- Riding the school bus is a privilege. The school bus is considered to be an extension of the student's classroom.
- Inappropriate conduct at bus stops, on district vehicles, or in the process of boarding or exiting such vehicles may result in student disciplinary action including, but not limited to, denial of transportation privileges.
- Students receive permission to travel to and from school by bus when prior arrangements have been made between parents and the school. Parents must obtain prior permission from the administration for students not previously assigned to ride a bus, or to ride a different bus (i.e., to travel with a school friend).
- Students on special-activity buses are under the direct supervision of the bus driver in cooperation with the sponsor(s). Students who do not conduct themselves properly will be denied the privilege of riding on special activity buses.

At the bus stop and boarding the bus:

- Arrive a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.
- Middle school students must wear their student identification cards when boarding a bus.
- Maintain orderly conduct at the bus stop.
- Line up at the bus stop in an orderly manner.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to get on board.
- Board the bus in an orderly manner.
- In order to avoid accidents students are to walk when in/on the bus, students are to use the handrail and place feet squarely on the step.
- Students are to immediately take a seat, sit straight, and face the front of the bus.

Disciplinary Actions

- When a rider misbehaves, the driver will explain the need for good behavior.
- If the rider continues to violate the rules, the driver will issue a written warning ticket to the site administrator.
- The administrator will call the student into the office to discuss inappropriate behavior. If it is determined that the student has misbehaved parents will be contacted and informed of future consequences.
- All continued behavior violations will be documented and submitted to school administrators.
- School Administrators will issue the consequences and notify parents. Children may be suspended from riding the bus. In such cases it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to transport the child.

Conduct on the bus:

- The bus will not move until all students are seated.
- All personal belongings are to remain in backpacks.
- Backpacks may be placed on laps or on the seat if space permits.
- Students are to remain seated throughout the trip.
- Aisles are to be kept clear.
- For safety reasons, students are not to speak to the driver while the bus is in motion with the exception of emergencies.
- Students are not to engage in any behavior that has the potential to disrupt the driver.
- Voices are to be at a low level, "indoor voices".
- Windows are for ventilation and nothing is to be placed through the window opening at any time.
- Windows will be opened only by the driver or at the direction of the driver.
- Objects are never to be thrown in the bus or at the bus.
- Emergency exits, exit controls or any of the bus safety equipment is never to be touched by students, except in the event of an emergency.
- All trash is to be dumped in a container outside of the bus.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus (plastic water bottles are permitted).
- Follow the driver's instructions.
- Talk quietly, using respectful language.
- No vulgar language is allowed.

Exit from the bus:

- Remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and the bus driver has given permission to stand.
- Exit the bus in an orderly manner.

- A student who loses bus riding privileges will be refused transportation on all district buses for duration of the bus suspension.
- The driver has the authority to assign and reassign student seating.

Loss of Bus Privileges

- Students are subject to the immediate revocation of bus riding privileges for serious behavior/safety infractions including, but not limited to: fighting, destruction of property, use or possession of a weapon, making a dangerous threat while on the bus .
- The length of time the student is ineligible to ride the bus will be determined by school administrators.
- All bus suspensions are for AM and PM runs, as well as extended school year programs. Consequences for serious infractions at the end of the school year may carry over to the beginning of the following school year.