

BUS RIDER RULES AND DISCIPLINE

These regulations are to be adhered to by student bus riders and shall be used as a guide for building principals in determining proper behavior upon school buses.

- a. Talk only in a normal voice. Loud talking, singing, cheering, or unnecessary confusion divert the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident. Conduct which may divert the driver's attention is forbidden and is sufficient reason for suspension.
- b. Any type of disturbance which might interfere with the safe driving of the bus or with the comfort of passengers of the bus cannot be tolerated. Scuffling, fighting, and obscene language are forbidden. Foul language is reason for suspension of riding privileges.
- c. There shall be absolutely no violation of district's drug, alcohol, or tobacco use policies, or using matches on the school bus. Violators shall be subject to suspension of their riding privileges.
- d. Be on time for the bus. Be careful approaching a bus stop. Walk on the left side, toward on-coming traffic.
- e. Do not stand or extend your head, arms, or hands out of windows, or move about, leave or enter the bus while it is in motion.
- f. The rider shall pay for willful damage done to seats or other bus equipment.
- g. Eating is not permitted on the bus. Do not throw objects or debris out of the bus window.
- h. Be courteous to fellow pupils and the bus operator. Pupils shall respect and obey the instructions of the bus operator. Seating arrangements are under the supervision of the driver. All students are expected to be seated in their assigned seat.
- i. In leaving the bus, remain seated until it stops. If crossing the road, do so in front of the bus after making sure the highway is clear, and only after the driver has signaled you to proceed.
- j. Pupils shall conduct themselves in a safe manner and cooperate with the bus patrol, if present.
- k. If, in a student's judgment, any driver is not complying with the rules of safe driving or is not properly conducting himself, report same to the administrative assistant in charge of transportation.
- l. Students shall not be dropped off at points other than those established jointly by school authorities and bus contractors. Exception to this provision may be allowed if written parental permission is forwarded to the appropriate school official. Upon approval of the request the bus driver will be notified by the administrative assistant in charge of transportation.
- m. If a student knows in advance that he/she is not going to ride the bus any morning, they should call the driver or call a fellow student getting on before the student. If a student is not riding at night, he/she should let the driver know or send word with another student.
- n. The above general rules of good school conduct and behavior on the bus shall be enforced by the proper authorities and students violating these rules may be denied transportation as outlined below.
- o. Driver shall be responsible for the maintenance of order among children being transported. Misconduct shall be promptly reported to the proper authority.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Parents must realize that school bus transportation is a "privilege", not a "right". Pupils who misbehave may be denied the privilege of riding on the bus, since their misbehavior jeopardizes the safety of the entire load and could result in injury to others.
- b. Parents will be notified prior to withdrawal of such privilege by the school transportation director.
- c. Parents should encourage their children to observe and practice all of the rules and regulations.
- d. Pupils will ride on assigned buses. Parents must request in writing any exception to this rule. Such a request should only be made in case of an emergency situation. Requests should only be made to the principal of the school. Parents will assume the responsibility for the child when such a request is made and granted.
- e. Parents are expected to communicate with school officials concerning any transportation problem or situation. Parents who plan on establishing a new residence somewhere else in the district should contact the school before doing so if the change involves bus transportation.
- f. Parents are expected to cooperate with school and/or bus company officials relative to pupil safety violations or conduct reports.
- g. Parents must observe all school property, traffic, and road regulations. (do not park or stop in bus loading and unloading areas).

CROSS REFERENCE: High School Student Handbook
Middle School Student Handbook
Elementary School Student Handbook