

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

School buses are the extension of the school. The bus driver, like the teacher of a school classroom, has the responsibility for the safety and welfare of the students.

Because students' behavior on the school bus directly affects their safety and the safety of others, the following regulations apply at all times when students are riding the school bus, including school field trips.



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1. Students shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.
 2. Students should arrive at the bus stop on time, waiting in a safe place off the road.
 3. Students will wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board.
 4. During boarding or exiting from the bus, students will not run.
 5. Once seated, students will remain seated while the bus is in motion and will not obstruct the isles with legs, feet, or other objects.
 6. Students will be courteous to the driver and fellow passengers. Students who have not already been assigned to a seat by the driver, will be allowed to sit in any available seat on the bus.
 7. Bullying, teasing, threatening, or harassing are hurtful and will not be tolerated.
 8. Eating or drinking on the bus are not permitted to avoid choking.
 9. Loud talking, laughing, yelling, singing, whistling, throwing of objects, standing or changing seats are prohibited. Serious safety hazards can result from noise and behavior that distracts the driver.
 10. No part of the body (hands, arms, legs, or head) will be put out the window.
 11. Nothing will be thrown from the bus.
 12. Students will keep the bus clean and be respectful of bus company property. Students and/or parents of students who damage or deface the bus or bus equipment will be responsible for payment of any repairs/damage.
 13. The bus company is not responsible for lost items.
 14. Possession of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs while on the bus will not be tolerated.
 15. Possession of flame or spark producing devices, including matches, lighters, etc. are prohibited.

16. Aggressive and/or physical conduct such as hitting, punching, fighting, and inappropriate touch are unacceptable behaviors and will not be tolerated.
17. Possession of weapons such as knives, chains, guns, or any other dangerous item(s) including laser pointers that can inflict injury are prohibited.

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Violation of any of the above listed regulations will result in disciplinary action. Violations will not be tolerated. Students who do not follow these guidelines can be suspended from riding the school bus. If actions result in the student or students needing to be removed from the school bus immediately, the respective law enforcement agency will be called to assist in removing the student(s) from the bus.



The student(s) will be released to his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) by the respective law enforcement agency. Students are assigned to a specific bus to and from school. Parents must request in writing any exception from this rule. Students will not be allowed on or off the bus at a place other than their regular stop unless the bus driver is presented with a written parent request.

Parents and students are encouraged to contact Student Transit or the respective school official regarding any problems with school bus transportation. Students are encouraged to discuss issues with their bus driver (during appropriate times), the principal, counselor, teacher, parent, or any appropriate adult. To ensure safe transportation for all involved, it is imperative that the students, parents, school officials, bus driver, and the bus company work cooperatively together to solve any problems that may arise.