

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

As written in Board Policy 6605

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. The students must obey the driver promptly and willingly.
2. School and district rules/regulations apply on the school buses.
3. Students shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times, unless permission has been granted by the school authorities.
4. Students in grades K-8 may get off at a place other than their own regular stop only with written permission from the office. Students in grades 9-12 may be let off at a place other than their own regular stop through pre-boarding mutual arrangement with the driver or by written permission from the office.
5. Each pupil may be assigned to a seat.
6. Students will:
 - a. Sit properly in their seats.
 - b. Refrain from throwing objects in/out of the bus.
 - c. Keep their hands to themselves.
 - d. Be courteous to their fellow passengers.
 - e. Use appropriate language.
 - f. Keep the bus clean of refuse.
 - g. Speak in a quiet tone of voice.
7. No student will use tobacco or strike a flame on a school bus.
8. No pupil shall at any time extend his head, hands, or arms out of the window while on the bus. Windows shall not be opened more than 6 inches at any time.
9. Students must see that they have nothing in their possession that may cause injury to another, such as sticks, breakable containers, any type of firearms, straps or pins extending from their clothing. Also, any type of animal, with the exception of a seeing eye dog, is not permitted on the bus without permission of the bus driver.
10. Each student must see that his books and personal belongings are kept out of the aisle. Special permission must be granted by school authorities to transport any large items.
11. No student will be allowed to talk to the driver more than is necessary.

12. No student shall sit in the driver's seat, nor shall any student be to the immediate left or right of the driver.
13. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not to get on or off the bus until the bus has come to a full stop.
14. Students must leave the bus in an orderly manner. They must not cross the highway until given consent by the school bus driver. When boarding or leaving the bus, the students should be in view of the driver at all times.
15. Students must cross the highway only in front of the school bus and never behind it.
16. Students must not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus. Students should leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop before the bus is due.
17. Self-discipline should be exercised by students at the bus loading area. Students should refrain from pushing and shoving other students. Students in violation are subject to disciplinary action.
18. Students who have to walk some distance along the highway to the bus loading zone, where practicable, must walk on the left-hand side facing on-coming traffic. This will also apply to pupils leaving the bus loading zone in the evening.
19. Students shall not perform any act which will obstruct the free passage of a school bus along its normal course.
20. In the event of an actual emergency, emergency exit procedures, as established by the emergency exit drills, will be followed.
21. The school district will hold the student or parent/guardian responsible for damage to school buses caused by the student. (Restitution)
22. Students may not use radios or stereo equipment while on the school bus unless the device is being used with headphones.
23. Students' misconduct on a bus will be sufficient reason to discontinue providing bus transportation to those students involved.