

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The purpose of this policy is to list general rules for student conduct on school buses. Additional rules or explanations may be listed in student handbooks distributed by elementary, middle school and high school principals. Parents and students are responsible for reading and periodically reviewing these rules. School transportation is a privilege which can be revoked if students fail to conform to the safety guidelines. These rules apply uniformly to all passengers on district buses irregardless of their school of official enrollment.

Bus drivers are responsible for completing a discipline referral for any student failing to follow safety guidelines. Discipline referrals will be reviewed by the Transportation Director and forwarded to the student's principal for follow-up action. Third and subsequent discipline referrals will result in suspension from bus riding privileges. Depending on the circumstances of the violation, the length of suspension will be a minimum of one day up to the maximum number of days allowed by State Statutes.

First or second violations judged by the Transportation Director and/or building principal to seriously jeopardize bus safety may result in immediate suspension. Any students suspended from school transportation must still attend school.

Student Safety Guidelines

Bus Passengers are required to:

1. Follow all directions given by the bus driver.
2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and clean at all times.
3. Refrain from loud talking and excessive noise which could distract the driver.
4. Make restitution for damaged bus seats or any other school property.
5. Remain in their seats at all times when the bus is in motion.
6. Not drink or eat on regular bus runs. Exceptions to this rule are late bus and extracurricular routes.
7. Refrain from horseplay around or on the bus.
8. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus and are not permitted to throw anything out of bus windows. Bus windows are not be opened more than halfway.
9. Keep books, packages, coats and all other personal items out of the aisles at all times.
10. Be completely quiet when approaching, while at, and during the crossing of railroad tracks.
11. Sit in seats assigned by the driver leaving the seats at the back of the bus vacant whenever possible for safety reasons.

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