

Davis County School District - Transportation Department

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**REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUPILS
RIDING SCHOOL BUSES**

1. **Pupils being transported are under the authority of the bus driver.**
NOTE: BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH VIDEO CAMERAS, STUDENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO VIDEO MONITORING.
2. Pupils must be on time for the bus both morning and afternoon, in the morning they should be at the stop five minutes before scheduled pickup time. Buses will leave the school in the afternoon no sooner than 7 minutes after the last bell has rung.
3. If there are no sidewalks available, students should walk on the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic when coming to meet the bus.
4. Pupils must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
5. Pupils may be assigned seats by the bus driver.
6. If necessary to cross, students shall cross the street 10 feet in front of the bus.
7. Pupils are not to extend their hands, arms, or heads through bus windows.
8. Pupils must have written permission from parent/guardian or school principal to leave the bus at a stop other than his/her home stop or the school.
9. Loud, vulgar or abusive language or behavior is prohibited.
10. Pupils must not open or close windows without permission of the driver.
11. The emergency door or window shall be opened or exited only in case of an emergency.
Any other such action may result in automatic bus suspension.
12. Pupils must keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it.
13. For everyone's safety, no item shall be carried on the bus which could create a hazard to any passenger, including but not limited to: live animals, skateboards, skis, glass objects, etc. The transportation of school projects, band instruments, etc., will be left up to the discretion of the driver.
14. Harassment, including sexual harassment is unwelcome behavior and is not tolerated on the bus. This includes, but is not limited to: 1) Sexual statements, 2) Unwelcome gestures, 3) Physical acts or contacts that are objectionable, 4) Unwelcome jokes, pictures, threats, comments directed toward an individual that are derogatory.
Remember:
 - a) It is illegal and not permitted
 - b) It does not have to be tolerated
 - c) It should be reported immediately to the principal/school official if seen or experienced.

PUPILS WHO REFUSE TO OBEY PROMPTLY THE DIRECTIONS OF THE DRIVER OR REFUSE TO OBEY REGULATIONS MAY FORFEIT THEIR PRIVILEGE TO RIDE THE BUS.

It is the policy of the Davis County Schools Transportation Department to allow its drivers to set up a comprehensive discipline plan for their bus with the following rules as a guideline. Discipline plans will be distributed to the student riders the first week of school and a copy submitted to the principal of the schools they serve.

AFFIRMATIVE DISCIPLINE RULES

RULE #1: Students must be seated and stay seated in authorized seating while bus is in motion.

RULE #2: Keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.

RULE #3: No abusive language or harassment.

RULE #4: Student will follow behavior and safety directions of the driver.

CONSEQUENCES OF RULE BREAKING

1st Offense: Verbal warning - seat may be assigned.

2nd Offense: Conduct Report: Contact principal, who is responsible to contact parent.

3rd Offense: Principal may revoke bus privilege for one or more days.

NOTE: Students and parents have the right to appeal the decision of the principal to the District Transportation Director if they do not agree with his/her decision.

All interested parties must keep in mind that riding a school bus is a privilege. Any or all of the above steps may be by-passed if the offense is one of a severe nature and presents a safety hazard to the driver and/or other students on the bus. The **SEVERE CLAUSE OUTLINED BELOW MAY BE ACTIVATED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DRIVER.**

SEVERE CLAUSE

In the case of severe disorderly conduct, assault, arson, or other endangering behavior, the driver may return to the school or may stop the bus while the TRANSPORTATION CENTER DISPATCH calls and requests the parents to meet the bus and take the student home. If they are unavailable or unwilling to come, then the local police may be called to take offending students off the bus.

ALL STUDENTS WHO RIDE THE BUS ARE SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICTS SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY.

Transportation Motto: Safety, Service and Dependability