

CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR MISBEHAVIOR

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions or events. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding a bus or at a bus stop. Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the Building Principal or the Principal's designee. In addition, serious misconduct will be reported to the District's Director of Operations and the Department of Public Safety.

School Bus and Bus Stop Rules

The School District school bus safety rules are to be posted on every bus. If these rules are broken, the School District's discipline procedures will be followed. Consequences are progressive and may include suspension of bus privileges. It is the school bus driver's responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the school office in a timely fashion and in written form so parents may be notified.

Rules at Bus Stop and Boarding the Bus

- Go directly from your house to the bus stop; arrive at the bus stop five minutes before your scheduled pick up time.
- Stay away from the street, road, or highway when waiting for the bus. Wait until the bus stops and the door is opened before approaching the bus.
- Stay off private property and out of the street.
- Use appropriate language.
- If you must cross the street to get to the bus stop, wait until the bus stops and the driver signals you to cross, look left, right, and left again. If clear, walk quickly across the street.
- Get on the bus in a single file line and hold on to the rail to keep from slipping, falling, or tripping.
- Go directly to your seat and sit down.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.
- No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
- No pets, live insects, reptiles, or animals allowed on the bus.

Rules on the Bus

- Respect and obey the bus driver at all times.
- Cross ten (10) feet in front of the bus when crossing a roadway.
- Only riders assigned to the bus can ride, students must be on time at their designated stops.
- Do not damage the bus. Bus vandalism such as cutting/ripping seats is strictly prohibited.
- Keep all your articles and school supplies in a backpack on your lap and keep the aisles clear at all times.
- Make room for others needing a seat. Respect other students and their property at all times.
- Keep your hands and head inside the bus. Windows open to halfway point only, if the driver gives you permission.
- Remain seated and facing forward at all times.
- Absolutely no tampering with the bus radio, controls, equipment, or exit doors.
- Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
- Video or picture taking of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- Weapons or dangerous objects i.e., skate boards, pets, glass, knives, etc. are not allowed on the bus.
- No eating, drinking, gum chewing, smoking, tobacco use or drugs allowed on the bus.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.
- Do not ignite matches or start a fire.

Exiting the Bus

- Stay seated until the bus is completely stopped and the door opens. Use handrail to exit.
- When leaving the bus, if you drop something, **DO NOT GO BACK TO PICK IT UP!**
- Walk 10 steps on the sidewalk or the side of the road away from the bus. Always walk in front of the bus.
- If you must cross the street always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Wait for the driver to signal to you before crossing the street.
- Always cross in front of the bus.
- Go directly home! Don't "hang around" the bus stop.