

## STUDENTS

### Bus Transportation: Rules for Students Riding School Buses

#### “DON’T LOSE YOUR RIDING PRIVILEGE!”

1. Students shall recognize that their misconduct on the bus can be a reason to discontinue their bus rider privileges.
2. Students shall follow the driver and attendant directions.
3. Students shall recognize that the driver is in charge of the bus and students.
4. Students shall observe the same conduct as in the classroom.
5. Students shall not open a window without first getting permission from the driver.
6. Students shall not have anything in their possession that may cause injury to another student, such as sticks, rocks, breakable containers, flammable items or weapons, etc.
7. Students shall not have tobacco, e-cigarettes, matches, lighters or firearms on the bus.
8. Students shall be courteous, and shall refrain from using profane language or gestures.
9. Students shall not eat or drink on the bus except for water.
10. Students shall keep the bus clean.
11. Students shall cooperate at all times with the driver.
12. Students shall stay out of the driver’s seat.
13. Parents of students damaging school buses will be responsible for reimbursement to repair damage.
14. Students shall stay in their seat and face forward and keep all carry-on items in lap.
15. Students shall remain seated and keep all emergency exits and aisle ways clear.
16. Students shall remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop. Students shall not stand or move while the bus is in motion.
17. Students shall cross the roadway only in front of the bus and never behind it when necessary to cross the roadway to get home.
18. Students shall be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the established bus arrival time.
19. Students shall keep head, hands and feet inside the bus at all times.
20. Students shall keep hands, feet and objects to themselves. Students shall not push, hit or bully others on the bus.
21. Students shall not have skateboards or scooters on the bus.
22. Students shall not use cell phones to take pictures or videos unless approved by the driver and other students involved. Students will be asked to put away their cell phone if it is becoming a distraction to the driver.
23. Students shall recognize that the bus driver is authorized to assign seats which they will be seated in at all times until the driver releases them.
24. Students shall only ride their regularly scheduled bus unless they have a parent note which is stamped by their school secretary or signed by their administrator.
25. Students shall talk with the driver when they have concerns about themselves or other students on the bus or if they feel unsafe at any time.

26. Students' instruments must fit in the student's lap so it does not reduce student capacity. (WAC 392-145-021(3)) Heavy, sharp, bulky, and/or other articles which may be hazardous in the event of an accident or an emergency stop shall not be transported unsecured in the passenger area of any school bus. Specific attention is directed to items such as ski poles, vaulting poles, large musical instruments, riser platforms, etc. In no case will items be secured in such a manner as to impede access to any exit.

Failure to comply with the above rules may result in the student being suspended from riding the bus.

**REMEMBER:**

The bus driver is a professional, trained in techniques designed for the safe transportation of school children. Drivers have ultimate authority while in operation of the vehicle.

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