

## Bus Rules

When a child is riding, boarding, or leaving the bus, the bus driver has supervisory control over the student and may exercise reasonable and necessary physical restraint to maintain that control.

Students will be picked up according to established bus schedules. However, students will abide by bus regulations or be denied the right to ride the bus. The principal will decide if the student should be put off the bus for a behavioral or rule violation. If a student is put off the bus, the parent will be notified and after twenty-four (24) hours or the day following the violation, the student will be held responsible for having the parent get him/her to school. Violation of a rule must come from the driver to the administrative office. Parents will be notified and told of the violation and time that the student will not be allowed to ride on the bus.

The driver is in full charge of the student and the bus. The driver's relationship with the students should be on the same plane as that of a teacher in the classroom. Bus transportation for students is not entirely a right, more a privilege, conditioned upon the courteous behavior and obedience to the established rules. The safety of the bus and its passengers demands complete cooperation from the students. It shall be the duty of the driver to report to the administration the names of students who persist in violating the rules and regulations. The administration may find it necessary to temporarily withhold the privileges of riding on the bus from those students who fail to cooperate.

Children who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

Students will observe the following rules of conduct while riding school buses.

- \*Students shall obey all instructions from the bus driver.
- \*Students must occupy the seat assigned, if assigned.
- \*The same courteous conduct expected in the classroom must be observed on the bus. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Loud and vulgar language is not.
- \*Students must refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver. His/her job requires full attention.
- \*Students must be on time at the designated bus stops. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular time for tardy students.
- \*Students must not stand in the traffic lanes while waiting.
- \*Students will assist the driver in keeping the inside of the bus clean and orderly. Pupils will not throw wastepaper or rubbish on the floor or out the windows.
- \*Students will not open or close windows without permission of the driver.
- \*Students must not at any time put hands, arms, or heads out of bus windows.
- \*Students must not move about inside the bus or try to get on or off while the bus is in motion.
- \*Students will immediately report to the driver any damage occurring on the bus.
- \*Students must follow the instructions of the driver when entering or leaving the bus and when the student must cross the road or highway.
- \*Students must await the signal from the driver to cross a road or highway, then cross it promptly. The crossing should be made approximately 10 feet in front of the bus, in full view of the driver.
- \*Students desiring to leave the bus at other than their designated bus stop must present the driver written permission to do so from their parents.
- \*Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students, and the public.

Legal References: SDCL 13-32-2; 13-32-4; 13-32-5

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