

Troup County School System

School Bus Conduct Expectations and Rules

Riding a school bus is a necessity for many of our students. Bus rides can be fun and enjoyable, but we need to work together to keep order and safety on the bus during all routes and trips. Remember, students who are disorderly and/or break bus rules make the trip less safe and make it difficult for the driver to focus on driving. For this reason, students may be disciplined by removing them from the bus for periods of time, including permanent bus suspension.

Boarding and Existing

1. Bus drivers need to be focused on driving the bus safely. Any distractions take away from safety. Bus procedures and rules are designed to promote safety and order on the bus. The driver is responsible for making sure students follow bus rules. Students who violate bus rules and procedures will be subject to consequences from the school administration. Students are asked to follow the directions of the bus driver cheerfully and respectfully.
2. Students are asked to only talk to the driver if necessary.
3. Be on time at the bus stop or loading station. The bus will not wait for those who are tardy. Do not run after the bus if you are late. Drivers have been instructed not to stop for anyone running after a bus.
4. Use handrails when boarding or departing the bus.
5. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before trying to get on or off the bus. If you must cross the road, wait for the driver to signal you across with his/her hand when he/she has determined all traffic has stopped. Always cross at least twelve (12) feet in front of the bus, whether boarding or departing.
6. After boarding the bus, sit down and remain seated until the bus reaches your stop. The driver will assign seats and the students will be required to set in those seats.
7. In the morning, students will be picked up only at their assigned stop and discharged only at the designated assigned stop. No student will be allowed to get off at any other place.
8. In the afternoon, students will be discharged only at their regularly designated stops. If other arrangements must be made, a note of parental permission must be presented to the Principal prior to such needed change. The Principal will then notify the bus driver in writing. Space must be available on the bus.
9. Students transported to an athletic, academic, or extra-curricular activity will return to the point of departure on the bus. Exceptions can be made by school administration officials only
10. Occasionally, the bus driver may not be aware of all situations occurring on the bus. Therefore, we encourage all students and parents to report inappropriate behavior such as bullying or sexual harassment to the bus driver or an administrator at the school **immediately**.
11. Keep the aisle and exits clear so that they are safe for travel. Hold your books and bags in your lap.

Conduct

12. No fighting, pushing, tripping, kicking, bullying or sexual harassment, etc. will be tolerated on the bus.
13. No student will be allowed to use tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or light matches or lighters on the bus.
14. No loud or boisterous speech, swearing or shouting in the bus or out the windows will be allowed. Rude and abusive language will not be tolerated.
15. Do not sit with more than the proper number in one seat.
16. Do not extend any part of your body out of the bus windows.
17. Do not throw anything in or out of the bus window. Any damages or costs incurred by a student throwing an object out of the bus will be the responsibility of the students' parents or guardians and not the Troup County School Board.
18. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
19. Do not bring live animals, reptiles, insects, etc. on the bus.
20. Do not bring firearms, knives, explosives devices, firecrackers, glass objects (other than eye glasses), or other dangerous materials aboard the bus. Such items will be confiscated and appropriate discipline will follow.
21. Vandalism will not be tolerated. Vandals will be pursued for disciplinary and/or monetary compensation by the student, parent or guardian.
22. Keep the bus clean!

Electronic Devices

If you are using a cell phone, use it quietly. If you are listening to music or videos, you must use earphones or ear buds. Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds/headphones when loading or unloading the bus. You MUST be able to hear!

*Clothing with pictures, writing, and/or symbols promoting gangs, alcohol, sex, tobacco, profanity or suggestive/crude messages is prohibited. Hats/caps, "hoodies," sweatbands, stocking caps, curlers, ear warmers or sunglasses are not to be worn inside the school building or on the school bus. Bandanas are not permitted at any time.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

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