

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

School buses are an extension of the regular school facilities and students are expected to conduct themselves on the buses as they do when they are in the school building. School buses driver have the same authority as the classroom teachers to enforce the rules and regulations in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-08.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for their child's behavior before boarding the bus in the morning (this includes the area where the children gather to wait for the bus) and after the students disembark from the bus at the end of the school day. **Riding the bus is a privilege**, and the student's behavior is a matter of safety for themselves and others. Bus drivers should not be distracted from their task of driving, due to inappropriate behavior. Students shall be respectful to the driver as they are the sole responsible authority on the bus.

- Students shall be at their designated place of safety **5 minutes before** the bus arrives. The bus will **NOT** stop if a student is not present at designated stop.
- Weather a student is boarding or disembarking a bus and must cross a road, the student shall wait for the driver's hand signal and check traffic in both directions on their own before crossing road.
- **Only** authorized students will board and depart the buses at their assigned stops.
- Students must go directly to the first available or their assigned seat, and **remain seated**, while keeping backpacks, coats, & musical instruments clear of aisle, and emergency exits.
- Students will not possess or attempt to transport alcohol, drugs, tobacco, fire arms, aerosol cans or anything that might be considered a weapon. Possession of any illicit material will be just cause for immediate suspension from transportation and possible criminal action.
- Pupils are to refrain from eating and drinking on the bus except as required for medical reasons.
- Students shall not use profane or indecent language or gestures.
- Students shall not throw, spit, or shoot objects at, in, or out of the bus.
- Students **must** keep their hands, arms & head inside the bus at **all** times.
- Students will not tamper with emergency doors, windows or any other safety equipment.
- Students shall not damage or vandalize the bus.
- Usage of cell phones is prohibited on buses. This includes: audio, video, and photography of any students or staff members.

After a driver has warned a student about unacceptable behavior, he/she will write a Bus Conduct Report that will be turned in to the school principal/superintendent for disciplinary action.

1st – Conduct Report – warning and a call to parents.

2nd – Conduct Report – 1 day bus suspension and a call to parents.

3rd – Conduct Report – 3 day bus suspension and a call to parents.

4th - Conduct Report – 5 day bus suspension and a call to parents.

5th – Conduct Report – 7 day bus suspension and a call to parents.

6th – Conduct Report – 10 day bus suspension with recommendation to Superintendent for disqualification of bus service for the remainder of the semester or school year.