

## **Student Conduct on Buses** (School Bus Rules)

Students must observe the following rules or they will lose their riding privileges.

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Stay in seat or seat assigned by driver with feet in front of you.
3. Keep all parts of your body and objects inside bus.
4. No pushing, shoving or fighting at any time.
5. No drugs, tobacco, alcohol or weapons will be allowed on the bus.
6. Keep language and actions appropriate.
7. Observe complete silence while the bus is stopped before crossing a railroad track.
8. Those riding the bus shall keep noise at a level that does not bother the driver and other passengers.

The following consequence(s) will result for any of the above infractions:

1. Student/driver conference. At discretion of driver/transportation director, the parent may be contacted.
2. Discipline report #1 - referral to principal for:
  - a. Principal/student conference
  - b. Disciplinary action
  - c. Parent notification

A conference with the parent, principal and transportation personnel may be required.

3. Discipline report #2 - referral to principal for suspension of bus privileges for one week.

4. Discipline report #3 - referral to principal for recommendation to the superintendent or his designee for removal of bus privileges up to the remainder of the school year. Student's bus privileges will be suspended pending decision of the superintendent or his designee.

Due process will be followed in any disciplinary action which may result in the suspension of transportation privileges. These standards are defined as:

1. Oral or written notice of charges
2. An explanation of evidence
3. An opportunity to present student's side of the story

Students may be immediately suspended from the privilege of riding the bus for serious behavior that jeopardizes the safety of passengers.

#### **Rules of bus stop citizenship**

Riders will observe the following safe rules of bus stop citizenship:

1. Be punctual, not too early, and wait quietly.
2. Avoid disturbing private property.
3. Move to the stopped bus in an orderly fashion.
4. Walk facing oncoming traffic or on the sidewalk if provided.
5. Move well away from the bus after unloading.
6. If crossing in front of the bus is necessary:
  - a. Take five or more giant steps forward of the bus before starting to cross the road.
  - b. Stop in line with the left front corner of the bus to enable a clear view of traffic lanes to the rear of the bus.
  - c. Look left and right and left again toward the driver for his signal before continuing to cross the road.

- d. Walk briskly across the road.
- 7. If you drop your books or papers near the bus, do not stop to pick them up. Tell your driver.

Riders should not enter or leave from the rear of the bus. Riders should make a conscious effort to be seen by the bus driver as they approach or leave a designated bus stop.

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