



# Bus Rules

## For a Safe Trip To & From School

*Parents/guardians, please review these rules with your student, then return the bottom portion to the bus driver.*

1. Students will obey the driver and any aide assigned to the bus by the district.
2. Students shall be at their designated bus stop five minutes before their scheduled pick up time.
3. Students will ride only on their assigned bus unless written permission to do otherwise has been received by school officials.
4. Students will not leave the bus except at their regular stop unless written permission to do otherwise is received by school officials.
5. Students assigned to seats will use only that seat unless permission to change is authorized by the driver.
6. Students will observe rules of classroom conduct while riding on buses. Noise will be kept down to avoid distracting the driver. Students will refrain from the use of obscene language or gestures.
7. Students will not smoke, vape or ignite lighters or matches on buses.
8. Students will not eat on buses, except when specifically authorized and supervised by an accompanying teacher, coach, or other staff member. Buses shall be kept clean.
9. Students will not open bus windows without the driver's permission.
10. Students will not extend any part of their body out of bus windows at any time.
11. Students will not carry or have in their possession items that can cause injury to passengers on the bus. Such items include, but are not limited to, sticks, breakable containers, weapons or firearms, straps or pins protruding from clothing, large, bulky items which cannot be held or placed between legs, etc. Books and personal belongings shall be kept out of aisles.
12. Students will not have animals on buses, except one that is aiding a disabled student.
13. Students will not sit in the driver's seat or to the immediate right or left of the driver.
14. Students will always go directly to a seat once inside the bus and remain seated unless the driver instructs otherwise.
15. Students will get on/off the bus in an orderly manner and will obey the instructions of the driver or school safety persons on duty. No pushing and shoving when boarding or leaving the bus. Once off the bus, students will adhere to rules for pedestrians.
16. Students will never cross the roadway behind a bus unless they use pedestrian crosswalks or traffic lights.
17. Students will stand away from the roadway curb when any bus is approaching or leaving a stop.
18. Students going to and from their bus stops where there are no sidewalks will walk on the left-hand side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic. Students will go directly to their home after leaving the bus.
19. Students will use lap belts on buses when available.
20. Students will follow emergency exit drill procedures as prescribed by the driver.
21. Students will not tamper with emergency doors or equipment.
22. Students will remain quietly seated, not exhibit disruptive behavior and turn off all noise-making devices at highway rail crossings.
23. Parents of students identified as causing damage to buses will be charged with the cost of the incurred damage. Students causing the damage may be suspended from transportation.
24. Student misconduct will constitute sufficient reason for suspending transportation privileges.

Questions? Please see Washington State WAC: Chapter 392-145

**Return the signed bottom portion to the bus driver. Retain top for reference.**

Route #

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**Student Name**

**Phone**

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**Address**

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**School**

**Grade**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

**Date**