

School Bus Rules and Contract

It is a privilege for a student to ride a Highland school bus. It is the responsibility of both the driver and student to do everything possible to make it a safe ride. The privilege of a student to ride a school bus is based on contingent observation of safety rules and acceptable behavior.

1. Only authorized passengers will be transported on school buses. Children will load and unload at their regular stop unless parental notification has been given to school personnel.
2. Students must be at the bus stop or approaching the stop in order for the driver to stop the bus.
3. Pupil Conduct as Bus Passengers:
 - The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. The driver has the right to assign seats to meet the needs of the majority of passengers. Students are responsible for the area in which they sit.
 - Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited. Classroom noise level and behavior are the acceptable standards on a bus.
 - To prevent injury to students and others, do not stick objects, heads, or hands out of the bus windows or the driver may require you to keep windows closed.
 - Students are expected to be absolutely quiet at all Railroad crossings to allow the driver full concentration with this procedure.
 - No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
 - Possession of tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs is not allowed on the bus and if found, district policies will be followed.
 - Students must sit in their seats facing forward. All aisles and stairwells must be kept clear at all times this includes students and/or objects. Students are not allowed to move around while the bus is in motion. This is required to prevent possible student injury.
 - Students must only use the front door to enter and exit the bus. Tampering with the emergency door and equipment is prohibited.
 - Aggressive behavior toward the driver or other passengers is unsafe and prohibited.
 - Possession of weapons such as knives, guns, chains or any other dangerous item that could inflict injury is strictly prohibited and illegal and if found district policies will be followed.
 - Glass Containers of any kind are not allowed. No animals or insects of any kind are allowed on the bus.
 - Throwing, spitting, kicking or shooting items inside the bus or out the windows is hazardous and prohibited.
 - Use of any flame or spark-producing device including, but not limited to: matches, lighters, etc. Are prohibited. The student will pay for any damage caused by the student to the bus.

I have read the bus rules and understand them. I know that if I choose not to follow these rules, I will be given a school bus discipline referral which if warranted may result in immediate suspension of riding privileges.

I understand that school administrators and transportation personnel are responsible to enforce consistent discipline policies throughout the district.

My printed signature below indicates I understand the school bus rules and consequences I face, if I choose not to follow them. understand and agree to follow the rules.