

TRANSPORTATION

EXPECTATIONS, PROTOCOLS AND RULES

BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the following expectations, is to ensure the safe transportation of students, as well as the safety of pedestrians and other drivers who share the streets with school buses. Every student is expected to adhere to the rules for student behavior listed below for field trips, extracurricular activities, and transportation to and from school. It is the responsibility of the bus driver, transportation director, and administration to enforce the rules and maintain a safe environment for all students. The student's responsibility is to understand and follow the rules for bus conduct, as well as respecting the rights and feelings of other students on the bus.

Each student must ride his/her assigned bus to and from school. The school bus is designed to provide a comfortable way to and from school and to give the maximum amount of protection to the students in the event of an emergency and/or crash. Any changes for student transportation must be approved by a building administrator and/or the transportation department, changes will only be approved for serious and/or emergency situations.

All Students will sit in assigned seats. Students will remain in their seats while the bus is in motion. School bus seats are designed to protect the student in the event of a sudden stop. To be effective, the student must be seated and facing forward. No students are to be in front of the white line on the bus.

Students are expected to be at their bus stop five (5) minutes prior to their morning scheduled pick-up time.

Students are not to approach the bus, until the bus comes to a complete stop. Students will need to watch for the driver's directions before crossing in front of the bus.

The center isle of the bus must be kept clear of any and all items. Students are not allowed to bring animals, flammable materials, or large items that cannot fit in the seat with the student. Aisles must remain clear, a blocked isle is a safety hazard.

Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and respect the bus equipment. Students are not to have food, candy, gum, or drinks on the bus. Students and parents will be held financially responsible for any damage resulting from vandalism. The bus is the property of the school district and should be treated as such.

Disrespecting drivers and staff, failure to comply, and insubordination will not be tolerated.

Rude and disruptive behavior, horseplay, pushing, and shoving is not acceptable.

Foul language, verbal threats, and verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Malicious behavior, fighting, and/or threatening behavior will not be tolerated

Harassment, intimidation and lewd acts and/or lewd language will not be tolerated.

No Smoking, vaping, drugs, and/or alcohol on the bus.

No weapons of any kind, including look-alikes on the bus.

Normal school conduct is expected and required at all times. Students are expected to follow the driver's directions while on the bus. Bus drivers are responsible for the safety of all students on the bus and must have the cooperation of everyone. Students who fail to adhere to the above rules and do not follow bus protocols may lose their transportation privileges and be suspended from riding a bus for a minimum of three (3) days and a maximum of one (1) year. The suspension will be determined by the building administrator and/or the Transportation Director based on the severity and frequency of the behavior.

The above rules, expectations, and protocols are in place to comply with state and federal laws to help ensure the safety of all students.