

Hoquiam/Aberdeen Student Transportation Cooperative

Rules for Riding School Buses

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students must obey the driver promptly and willingly. Student misconduct shall constitute sufficient reason for suspending transportation privileges.
2. Students shall ride their regularly assigned route at all times unless permission has been granted by school authorities to do otherwise.
3. Except with written permission of school authorities, no student shall be permitted to leave the bus except at his/her regular bus stop.
4. Bus drivers have the authority to assign seating on the bus.
5. Classroom conduct must be observed on the bus.
6. Camera devices while on the school bus. For safety purposes, electronic devices and cell phones may not be used on school buses in such a way as to constitute a safety hazard or create a distraction for the driver.
7. Students are to assist in keeping the bus clean. Nothing shall be thrown out of the bus windows at any time.
8. Eating or drinking will not be permitted on regular to and from school bus routes.
9. No student shall use any type of flame or sparking device on a school bus.
10. No student shall open a window on the school bus without permission of the driver.
11. No student shall extend any body part from the windows at any time whether the bus is moving or standing still.
12. Buses will not transport any item that may cause injury to passengers or distraction to the driver. Such items include, but are not limited to, sticks, glass containers, sharp objects, large bulky objects etc.
13. Except for “seeing eye dogs”, no animal life may be transported on a school bus.
14. Students must keep their belongings out of the aisle and away from any emergency exit.
15. **Students are to remain quiet and avoid excessive movement when a bus is stopped at a rail grade crossing.**
16. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion. Once the bus has come to a complete stop, students may make their way off the bus in an orderly fashion.
17. Students must not cross a roadway until given a signal from the driver. When approaching or leaving a bus, students should be in view of the driver at all times.
18. Students must not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus. Students should leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is due.
19. Students shall refrain from pushing and shoving others at the loading area.
20. Students shall wait for the bus behind any painted limitation line when provided.
21. Failure to observe these rules may result in the suspension of a student’s bus riding privileges in accordance with school district policy.