



Safe School Transportation Guidelines

Student Name: _____

In order to guarantee your child and the other children riding the bus the safe transportation they deserve, we are using the following safety plan:

Our philosophy: We expect all students will behave appropriately and safely while riding on a school bus. Poor student behavior impacting the safety of others will not be tolerated.

The following rules must be observed on the bus for the safety of all students:

- Follow the directions of the driver (teacher) the first time they are given.
- Sit in your (assigned) seat at all times.
- Respect others; no hitting, pushing, fighting, swearing, or using rude gestures or gang signs on the school bus or at the bus stop.
- Keep all objects and body parts (head, arms, legs) inside the bus and in your seat.
- Food, drinks, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang signs and weapons are not allowed.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.

Rules will be enforced with the following consequences:

- First written report ~ Principal conference with student = Warning, parents notified
- Second written report ~ Principal conference with student = 1 week suspension from bus, parents notified
- Third written report ~ Principal conference with student = 4 weeks suspension from bus, parents notified
- Fourth written report ~ Principal conference with student (Or Parent/Principal/Driver conference) = 8 weeks suspension from bus; Five or more written reports will result in the loss of bus privileges for one year.
- Severe misbehavior: Student loses bus privileges for one week (or longer).

The Safe School Transportation Guidelines has been discussed with your child. Please discuss it with him or her to be sure it is understood. Thank you in advance for your support of our program.

Sincerely,

Principal

Please check off and return the bottom portion of this letter.

- I have read The Safe School Transportation Guidelines
- I agree to offer my support of the program

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

BUS RULES

The Davenport Community School District Davenport, Iowa

Follow the directions of the Driver (Teacher) the first time they are given.

- The driver is the authority on the bus.
- Students must respond promptly to the driver's instructions and obey any rules the driver feels necessary for the safety of the students.
- Use of a personal radio/tape player must meet the driver's approval. Pets/animals are not allowed on the bus.

Cell phones.

- Follow board policy. If disruption impacts bus operation they must be turned off.

Sit in your assigned seat at all times.

- Students will arrive at their assigned bus stop five (5) minutes prior to arrival of the bus and wait quietly off the roadway.
- Students must board the bus in a single file line and must be on assigned bus.
- Go directly to a seat, remain seated and face forward at all times.
- Students may talk quietly, but keep the noise to a minimum so as not to distract the driver while on the bus.
- Keep feet out of the aisle to allow other students to walk up or down the aisle quickly and safely and, most important, so students can evacuate the bus quickly in the event of an emergency.

Respect others.

- No hitting, pushing, fighting, swearing or using rude gestures or gang signs on the school bus or at the bus stop.
- Students should remember they are still on school time and should use school manners.
- Throwing objects, horseplay, fighting, bothering others and any other activity that is distracting to the driver and others, is considered disruptive behavior.
- All school rules apply on bus that distract driver.
- Please use your best manners.

Keep all objects and body parts (head, arms, legs) inside the bus and in your seat.

- Do not yell out windows at passing persons or vehicles.

Food, drinks, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang signs and weapons are not allowed.

- For the students' safety, they are asked not to eat or drink on the bus.
- Tobacco, drugs, alcohol and weapons are prohibited by the state law.

Damages.

- Any damage to a bus by a student, or students, will be billed to the parent or guardian who will be responsible for payment and the student will have bus riding privileges suspended until payment is received in full.