

Hillsboro School District

Bus Rules

Rules Governing Pupils Riding School Buses

While riding a school bus, students will:

1. Obey the driver at all times;
2. Not throw objects;
3. Not have in their possession any weapon as defined by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
4. Not fight, wrestle, or scuffle;
5. Not stand up and/or move from seats while the bus is in motion;
6. Not extend hands, head, feet, or objects from windows or doors;
7. Not possess matches or other incendiaries and concussion devices;
8. Use emergency exits only as directed by the driver;
9. Not damage school property or the personal property of others;
10. Not threaten or physically harm the driver or other riders;
11. Not do any disruptive activity which might cause the driver to stop in order to re-establish order;
12. Not make disrespectful or obscene statements;
13. Not possess and/or use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs;
14. Not eat or chew gum;
15. Not carry glass containers or other glass objects;
16. Not take onto the bus animals, skateboards, musical instruments, or other large objects which might pose safety risks or barriers to safe entry and exit from the bus;
17. Accept assigned seats;
18. Stay away from the bus when it is moving;
19. Be at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time (schedules will be posted on all buses);
20. Answer to coaches, teachers, and chaperons who are responsible for maintaining order on trips.

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Large items such as art projects, presentations, visuals, skateboards, and scooters which cannot be safely transported while held in a pupil's lap or stowed in an empty seat or directly under a seat are prohibited.
2. Pupils shall not interfere with any of the school bus operating controls except in an emergency or as instructed by the driver.
3. Pupils shall be at their regular bus stop at least five minutes prior to the time scheduled.
4. Pupils shall not damage or attempt to damage public or private property at any time.
5. Pupils waiting in a bus stop area are under the jurisdiction of the School District; therefore, all preceding rules governing pupils riding school buses apply to the bus stop as well as on the bus.
6. Use of any form of tobacco is prohibited.
7. Radios, tape players, or other electronic sound devices are prohibited by district policy except those that are small personal devices with earphones intended for personal use. Any student who engages in irresponsible, inappropriate, or destructive behavior will be issued a bus citation by the bus driver. The school administration will decide upon the appropriate discipline for the violation(s) which may include detention, assignment to school/community service, suspension, loss of bus-riding privilege, and/or expulsion. Incidents of physical assault, verbal abuse, interference with bus operating controls and vandalism may result in immediate suspension of transportation privilege regardless of prior record of misconduct.

BUS CONDUCT

Students have the same level of responsibility for their conduct when riding or waiting for the bus as they do while on school premises. The following rules apply to all students riding District-operated buses. These rules have been established to assist the drivers in assuring that students are afforded the safest possible ride to and from school or activities/athletic events. The school bus driver is responsible for their enforcement. Failure to comply with these rules or promptly obey the direction of the driver may result in forfeiture of the right to ride.

RULES

1. Pupils being transported are under the authority of the bus driver. Secondary students must carry their student I.D. card.
2. Any activity that prevents the safe operation of the bus by the driver is unacceptable.
3. Students must remain seated at all times while the bus is traveling.
4. Students will be assigned to a specific bus. Students must have written permission from a parent/ guardian and school administrator to ride another bus or be dropped off at any location other than their regular bus stop.
5. Students who do not comply with posted bus rules may forfeit the privilege to ride on the buses. All students using District transportation must also obey OAR 581-31-010, adopted by the Oregon State Department of Education. These rules are appended in these standards.

PENALTIES

1. Serious acts of irresponsible, inappropriate, or destructive behavior will result in immediate withdrawal of a student's bus riding privilege.

Such incidents would include:

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| 1.1 | Physical assault. |
| 1.2 | Verbal abuse including harassment, threats, and inappropriate language. |
| 1.3 | Interference with bus driver or bus operating controls; |
| 1.4 | Vandalism; |
| 1.5 | Any behavior that jeopardizes the safety of others, such as throwing objects. |

2. The bus driver will issue students who violate transportation rules, or engage in other inappropriate behavior, a citation. The school administration will decide upon the appropriate discipline, which may include detention, assignment to school/ community service, loss of bus privilege, suspension, or expulsion.
3. Suspension from transportation services is defined as the withdrawal of a student's bus privilege for a maximum of ten (10) days. Expulsion from transportation services is the withdrawal of the bus privilege for up to one (1) year, and may be imposed either in the case of a serious incident as previously listed, or successive violation of rules governing pupils riding buses. Parents of students suspended or expelled from transportation services are entitled to the procedural rights outlined in these standards.
4. Alternative procedures for withdrawal of bus.