

Student Conduct on Buses (Rules for Riding School Buses)

1. The bus driver always is in charge of the bus. All rules issued verbally by the driver must be followed at all times.
2. Students must be on time at designated bus stops. Students should arrive at their designed stop three to five minutes before the bus arrives. Drivers will not wait for late arrivals. Riders will be expected to board the bus from the bus stop nearest their home and return to the same stop after school.
3. Students must stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for the bus. When necessary, they are to walk on the left side of the road facing traffic to get to designated bus stops.
4. Riders are not to move toward the bus during the loading process until the bus has come to a complete stop.
5. Riders always must use the handrail while entering or leaving the bus.
6. Riders must go directly to their seat. All riders will be assigned specific seats on each bus and will be expected to occupy that seat at all times while on the bus.
7. Riders must keep their arms, hands and heads away from windows and completely inside of the bus. They are to keep their feet, books, etc., out of the aisle.
8. Excessive or unnecessary noise, loud talking, yelling, singing and standing will not be allowed on the bus. Riders are expected to be absolutely quiet when approaching and while crossing all railroad crossings.
9. Students must treat bus equipment as they would valuable furniture in their homes. Damage to seats, windows, etc., must be paid for by the offender.
10. Riders are to assist in keeping the bus safe and clean. No glass containers, insects, animals, radios of any kind, sharp objects or any object which may cause injury will be permitted on the bus. Students who carry band instruments on the bus must check with the driver for proper placement of instruments.
11. Riders must not engage in horseplay while the bus is in motion.
12. Riders must not throw anything out of the windows.
13. Riders are expected to be courteous to fellow students, the driver and assistants.

14. The use of tobacco in any form, matches, explosives or any fire-causing material is absolutely forbidden on all school buses.
15. Eating and drinking will not be allowed on school buses.
16. Upon leaving the bus, riders who must cross the roadway to reach their destination must cross in front of the stopped school bus only after the driver has verified that the warning lights are operating and indicates to them to proceed. Riders are to cross not less than 10 feet nor more than 20 feet directly in front of the bus.
17. Drivers will not discharge riders at any place other than their regular assigned bus stop.
18. Students wishing to ride a bus other than their own must have a note signed by their parents and the principal. Extra seat space must be available.
19. Preschool children, visiting students or any other unauthorized riders will not be permitted to ride regular school buses.

Failure to observe any of the above rules may result in denial of riding privileges.

Drivers will report any infractions on the bus drivers' conduct report.

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