

## SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL BUSES

1. School buses are an extension of the school and students will be responsible to their school principal for discipline as if they were in a school building.
2. Students must follow instructions of the bus drivers and bus aid. Misbehavior on school buses will be reported to the principal and could result in suspension of riding privileges.
3. Passenger conduct must be orderly at all times so as to provide a safe environment.
4. Accordingly, the following rules will be strictly enforced:
  - A. There is to be no moving around on the buses while in motion. Students are to remain in their seats until the bus comes to a complete stop.
  - B. Students will have assigned seats and will be expected to sit in them. Failure to do so will be reported to principles and could result in time off the bus.
  - C. Students are not to put their heads, arms or hang other objects out of open window.
  - D. Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited. **NO FOOD OR DRINK EXCEPT WATER**
  - E. Talking among the riders is permitted in an indoor voice level. Yelling, screaming and shouting will not be tolerated. **NO STANDING UP IN THE SEATS TO TALK TO THE STUDENTS BEHIND.** Student must sit in the seat at all times.
  - F. Profanity will not be permitted or allowed. Such will be immediately reported to principles for discipline action.
  - G. There will be no smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco, lighters or matches on school buses.
  - H. There will be no alcohol, illegal drugs or weapons of any kind on school buses.
5. Students must line up for the bus as instructed by the driver or school personnel, prior to boarding the bus. Pushing or shoving will not be permitted. The bus should be at a full stop before students step up to load.
6. Students will be picked up or let off at designated school bus stops **ONLY**. Changes to a student's riding plan must be requested by a parent/guardian to the Transportation office.
8. Any intentional or negligent act by a student that destroys or damages property on the school bus, will be reported to the District Superintendent. The student will be required to pay the monetary amount to repair or replace the item as well as could face disciplinary actions as determined by Administration.

\*Rule violations will be dealt with on an individual basis by the bus driver. If the violation requires it a report will be made to the building principle. The principle will notify parents/guardians of the misbehavior and any disciplinary actions that will take place. Repeat or serious offenses will result in a report to the Superintendent.

School bus transportation **is a privilege, not a right**. School bus transportation can be suspended or terminated for willful misconduct or endangering the overall safety of the school bus or its occupants.

**Digital video equipment for our route buses is in place. This system will be recording at all times.**