

Oakland Public School Transportation Department

Rules and Expectations

- Only eligible students will be permitted to ride the bus. No student may ride a bus that they are not assigned to. Students are required to get on and off at their designated stop only.
- Please be sure to be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before your stop pick-up time. Also, you must allow 10 minutes after your stop pick-up time for the bus if any unforeseen circumstances, such as traffic or weather, might cause a bus to be late.
- Wait for your bus in a safe place. Respect the property of the area where your stop is located.
- Do not approach the bus until it has completely stopped and the driver has opened the door. If you must cross a roadway to get to your stop, you should cross only when the school bus arrives and stops and the red lights are flashing. ALWAYS cross in front of the bus, NEVER behind.
- Enter the bus in an orderly manner, take your seat, buckle your seat belt, and remain seated. Keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times. Keep the aisles clear of feet, legs, arms, backpacks, etc.
- Keep the noise level at a minimum for the safest driving conditions.
- Follow the instructions of your bus driver. Behave appropriately and be courteous to the driver and your fellow passengers.
- Students are required to maintain classroom-like behavior. For example, keep your hands to yourself. Pushing, grabbing, and reaching over seats is not permitted.
- Standing or changing seats is prohibited.
- Vandalism to any part of the bus will not be tolerated and treated appropriately.
- When departing the bus, step off carefully and walk far enough away from the bus and the roadway. If you must cross a roadway at the stop, be sure to cross at least 10 feet IN FRONT of the bus. NEVER cross behind a bus.

Each bus student is asked to review the rules and expectations with their parents to understand expected behavior clearly. The Transportation Staff will report students who violate the rules and expectations to the appropriate building Principal or Vice-Principal. Violations will result in a series of disciplinary actions: (1) Discussion with student and parent notification; (2) Suspension of riding privilege for one week; (3) Suspension of riding privilege for one month; (4) Suspension of riding privilege for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to achieve a safe bus environment for all students.