

## **Parents and Guardians,**

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right, and student safety is our main priority. The bus is considered an extension of the classroom, and therefore, the rules and regulations enforced at school apply equally to student conduct on the bus. Maintaining an orderly and safe environment is crucial for the safe transportation of all students.

## **Rules and Regulations for School Bus Passengers**

### **I. Pre-Boarding and Boarding**

- Students must be at their designated bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time.
- Proper conduct is expected at the bus stop; parents should monitor their child's activities and behavior.

### **II. Behavior Onboard**

- The bus driver has the same authority over pupils as a teacher in the classroom. Students must be respectful and courteous to the driver and all other students at all times.
- All students must be seated in their assigned seats.
- The noise level must be low and quiet (a low voice level) to ensure the driver can hear emergency signals and train signals. Shouting, singing, or any other disturbance that distracts the driver is prohibited.
- Horseplay is strictly not allowed in or around the bus.
- Profanity is not allowed.

### **III. Safety and Property**

- Students must keep all objects out of the aisle.
- School bus windows must remain closed unless the driver permits them to be opened. When open, students may not throw objects from or extend any part of their body through the windows.
- Students must never tamper with the emergency door or windows of the bus.
- Any passenger who defaces or vandalizes a school bus will have their bus riding privilege suspended. This privilege will not be resumed until all damages for which the student was responsible are paid in full.

### **IV. Prohibited Items and Activities**

- The use of tobacco or electronic cigarettes is not permitted.
- The consumption of food or beverage is not permitted.
- Balloons are not allowed on the bus.

### **Disciplinary Action**

Unsatisfactory student conduct will result in a Written Conduct Report issued by the bus driver and delivered to the school principal. The principal will take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include: Short-term or permanent suspension from bus riding privileges or suspension from school.

## **School Bus Conduct Expectations**

Please take a few minutes to review the district-wide expectations regarding student conduct on school buses. Riding a school bus is a privilege. Student safety is our top priority, and to ensure safe transportation to and from school, all students are expected to adhere to these guidelines.

Rules that are enforced at school also apply on the bus. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and bus drivers have the same authority over students while riding the bus as teachers have during the school day.

### **Student Expectations**

- Be at the bus stop **5 minutes early**
- Be respectful and courteous to the driver and other students
- Remain seated at all times
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself and out of the aisle
- Use a quiet voice, no shouting or disruptive behavior
- Follow the driver's instructions at all times
- Use proper behavior at bus stops

### **Not Allowed on the Bus**

- Fighting, horseplay, profanity, or refusal to obey the driver
- Throwing objects or extending body parts out of windows
- Tampering with bus equipment or emergency doors
- Trash, balloons, or glass containers
- Tobacco products or electronic cigarettes
- Vandalism or damage to the bus

**Students who vandalize a bus will lose riding privileges until the damages are paid.**

### **Discipline**

Disruptive or unsafe behavior may result in a written conduct report being issued and reviewed by school administration. The school administration will take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include short-term or permanent suspension of bus riding privileges or suspension from school.

Thank you for helping us keep bus transportation **safe and respectful** for all students.