

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



### Our Commitment to Student Safety

The safety of our students is our highest priority, especially when they are traveling on our school buses. The Pleasant Valley School District is committed to providing a secure and reliable transportation service for all students. While we strive for a perfectly safe environment, we recognize that incidents can occasionally occur on school buses. Knowing that bus transportation is a "privilege, not a right," we expect all students to adhere to our bus safety expectations. By making good decisions, we can maintain a safe school environment and positive learning experiences.

### Implementation of Progressive Discipline

*If a student cannot follow bus safety rules, "Progressive Discipline" WILL be implemented which may result in the temporary or permanent removal from school bus transportation during the academic year at the discretion of the Dean of Students and/or Building Administration.*

- ❑ Regarding Disruptive Behavior: This includes, but is not limited to, excessive noise, cursing, yelling, throwing objects, playing music loudly, using speakerphone for calls, recording video, video calls, refusing to stay seated and/or remain in an assigned seat, and not exiting the bus safely.
  - Students will typically receive a temporary removal from the privilege of riding the bus to and from school.
  - Continuous acts of disruptive behavior will result in increased durations of school bus removal, ranging from a 1-day removal to a 3-day removal, or up to a 1-month removal.
- ❑ Regarding Extreme Behavior: This includes, but is not limited to, vandalism or damage to bus property, physical altercations, bullying, and the possession of prohibited or illegal items.
  - Students will typically receive immediate removal from the privilege of riding the bus to and from school.
  - Removal from the bus will include longer durations of time such as a quarter, a semester, or a full academic year.

### A Request for Parental Cooperation

Parents and Guardians, we request the cooperation of all parents in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment on our school buses. Your partnership is invaluable in reinforcing positive behavior and ensuring the well-being of all students. We ask that you:

- Please discuss the importance of bus safety rules with your children.
- Encourage your children to follow the bus driver, who is responsible for their safety.
- Review the consequences for infractions with your children to help them understand the importance of good behavior.
- If you have any concerns or observe any unsafe behavior, please contact the school administration or transportation department immediately.

By working together, we can ensure that our school buses remain a safe and secure mode of transportation for every student.

Help us to maintain safe travels to and from school.

For more information:  
[www.pvbears.org](http://www.pvbears.org)

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