

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

School bus transportation is considered an extension of the school day. Students will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times while boarding, riding, or leaving a school bus. They will observe rules of safety and will not cause commotions which might distract the attention of the driver from the control of the vehicle. The rules are as follows:

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus, monitors and students. Students must obey the driver and monitor promptly.
2. No one, other than the driver, may sit in the driver's seat. No one may be located to the immediate left or right of the door.
3. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will not be left at the bus stop unless an adult is there to meet them.
4. Students shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times. They will board and leave the bus at their assigned stops unless permission has been granted by the appropriate school authorities to do otherwise.
5. Each student may be assigned a seat by the School Principal or his/her designee and/or the driver or monitor.
6. Students must arrive at the bus stop before the bus is due.
7. Students will use sidewalks, where available when they walk to and from bus loading areas.
8. Students must stand at least 10 feet away from busy roadways while waiting for the bus.
9. Students and transportation staff may not eat on the bus.
10. Students must keep the bus clean and throw away their garbage. Students refrain from throwing any items out of the windows.
11. No person may smoke, light matches or cigarette lighters on any school bus or at any school bus stop. This includes E-Cigarettes.
12. No person shall have possession of, consume, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on any school bus or at any school bus stop.
13. Students must observe the rules and expectations of the classroom on the bus. Abusive language, obscene gestures or fighting will not be tolerated.
14. Students may not possess anything that may cause injury to others.
15. Students will keep their books and personal belongings out of the aisle.
16. In the event of an emergency, emergency exit procedures, as established by the emergency exit drills, will be followed.

17. Students should never chase after any item that has fallen under or in front of any school bus. Immediately notify the bus driver, monitor or teacher.
18. No student shall, at any time, extend his/her head, hands or arms out of the window, whether the school bus is in motion or standing still.
19. Students must remain seated for the entire bus ride, and may not exit the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
20. Students must leave the bus in an orderly manner. They must not cross the road until given permission by the school bus driver. When boarding or leaving the bus, students should be in view of the driver at all times and must cross the road at least ten (10) feet in front of the school bus and never behind it.
21. Parents of students causing damage to school buses will be held responsible for full statutory reimbursement.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Any student whose conduct on a school bus is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other students shall be reported to the building principal. The Building Principal or his/her designee shall investigate the violation and, if substantiated, the Principal will proceed with the following disciplinary actions:

First offense

Discipline will be administered by the principal and a warning letter sent to parents. If the violation is deemed to be of a serious nature, one or more of the following shall be implemented.

Second offense

Student suspended from transportation for up to one (1) week and a parent conference with the principal is required

Third offense

Student suspended from transportation for up to two (2) weeks and a parent conference with the principal is required

Fourth offense

Parent and student conference with the principal and superintendent may result in the suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the year

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