

J.O. Combs Unified School District #44

Refer to Policy JICC, JICC-R, JICC-EA, JICC-EB or contact your school for more information.

The District provides bus transportation for all students who live one mile or more from school. For High School and Middle School it is one and one half miles. For safety reasons, the District encourages parents to supervise their children at the bus stop.

Transportation provided by the District is a privilege. Inappropriate conduct at bus stops, on district vehicles, or in the process of boarding or exiting from a vehicle may result in student disciplinary action including, but not limited to loss of transportation privileges.

Behavior on the School Bus and at the School Bus Stop

For the purpose of providing safe transportation for all students the following guidelines must be Observed:

1. Students are to obey the bus driver at all times.
2. Students should stand off the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
3. Students are required to be at their scheduled bus stop at least ten minutes prior to their scheduled stop time.
4. Students must cross the roadway ten feet in front of the school bus.
5. Students may only ride on their assigned route unless a parent/guardian has written a note and it has been stamped, dated, and initialed by the school's office. Most buses can not accommodate additional riders.
6. Students must board and depart only at their designated bus stop.
7. Act respectful and appropriate while waiting for the school bus.
8. Give your proper name when requested by the bus driver or monitor.
9. Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
10. Remain silent at railroad crossings.
11. No food or drink except water bottles on the bus.
12. Students shall not carry or consume any controlled substance or any beverage containing alcohol.
13. Students may not write on seats, or vandalize district property. Parents will be held responsible for repairs or replacements.
14. No glass containers will be allowed on the school bus.
15. The school bus shall not transport any animals, or reptiles of any kind on the school bus. This includes school projects.
16. Students shall not carry on or transport in a school bus an explosive device, gun, knife, or weapon of any kind.
17. Students shall not carry roller blades, scooters, or balloons on the school bus. Skateboards will only be allowed on school buses if strapped to or inside a backpack.

18. Middle School and High School students are required to show school ID during unloading/loading at school.

Depending on the offense the criteria for disciplinary action is as follows:

- Verbal Warning on bus and/or student conference with transportation discipline representative.
- Student conference with transportation representative and phone call home to parent/guardian.
- On campus consequence or suspension from bus riding privilege depending on the seriousness of actions.
- Revocation of riding privileges for the remainder of semester.
- Physical altercations between students on the bus may result in immediate bus suspension and will be turned over to site administration immediately.

Consequences will be given on a case by case basis but the above criteria will be the guideline.