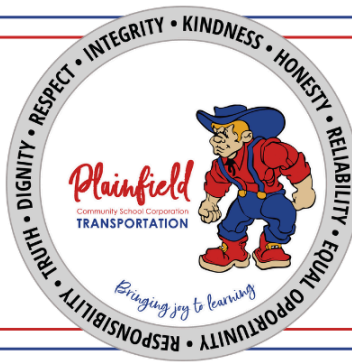




SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules for acceptable behavior are posted on each bus and will be discussed with students. Riding on the school bus is a privilege. Improper conduct will result in that privilege being denied. Students who come to school on the bus are expected to return home on the bus unless a note from the parents, signed by the office, is given to the teacher. School bus drivers have control of all school children transported to and from school. The driver shall keep order and maintain discipline on the bus, shall treat all children in a civil manner, see that no child is mistreated, and shall use every care for the safety of the children under his/her charge.

Students transported by the Plainfield Community School Corporation will be under the supervision, direction, and discipline of the bus driver. In order to provide for the safe transportation of all students, the following regulations should be observed.

1. Students must be seated immediately upon entering the bus and remain seated at all times during transportation.
2. Students must follow the bus driver's instructions.
3. Students shall not use their hands, feet, or other objects in an inappropriate manner. Horseplay will not be tolerated.
4. Students should interact kindly on the bus; loud voices, profane language, fighting, or rude gestures are not allowed.
5. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum.
6. No smoking or use of illegal substances.
7. Students should clean their area before departing the bus.
8. Students may not open or close windows except with the permission of the bus driver. Windows shall not be lowered past ½ way.
9. Students may not bring items on the bus that would block the aisle or the exit doors or are too large to fit safely on the owner's lap.
10. Students should be waiting at the bus stop when the bus arrives. If a student is not at the bus stop, the bus driver will not wait unless the student is visible. Parents are

encouraged to call the Transportation Department when their child will not be riding the bus. Bus service may be discontinued for a student who has not ridden the bus for three (3) consecutive days without notifying the Transportation office.

11. Upon recommendation of the bus driver, the school corporation administration may deny transportation privileges to any student who refuses to follow these regulations.
12. School rules also apply when students are on the bus.
13. Students may not ride a different bus to or from school (i.e. to a friend's house) unless a permanent change has been approved by the transportation department.
14. Use of any electronic devices is solely at the discretion of the bus driver.

To assist in providing safe and secure transportation, video cameras are installed on all school buses.

Bus Discipline

Riding the school bus is a privilege. To ensure the safety of all students, appropriate behavior is expected at all times. Bus transportation discipline follows a progressive discipline model, similar to classroom expectations. Consequences for misconduct range from warnings and assigned seats to suspension or removal from bus transportation.

In serious cases, a student may lose bus privileges for an extended period, up to the remainder of the school year. If a student is removed from the bus, it becomes the parent/guardian's responsibility to arrange transportation to and from school. Ensuring a safe and respectful bus environment is essential, and failure to follow expectations may result in the loss of this privilege.

Bus Drop-Off

In order to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable students, when a bus drops students off at their stop, kindergarten students and students who ride special transportation buses (special education) must have a parent visible at drop-off. An exception to this is if the child has an older sibling to walk home with.

Unauthorized Entry - Buses & Property

The number one priority of a Plainfield Community School Corporation school bus driver is the safety and well-being of each student. From time to time an individual may attempt to detain or board a school bus without the bus driver's consent or permission. If, in the bus driver's opinion, the individual's attempts to detain or board the school bus may potentially endanger the safety or security of the students, the driver may and shall deny attempts. A school bus is school property. Entry without the bus driver's permission is considered trespassing. If an individual enters or attempts

to enter a school bus without the bus driver's permission or attempts to detain the bus, the bus driver will ask the individual to step off or away from the bus. If the individual refuses, the bus driver will inform them that they are trespassing. The bus driver will also inform them that the local police will be contacted if they do not cooperate. If the individual refuses to leave, the bus driver will contact the local police/dispatch. A driver should not try to remove the individual or leave the location until authorities arrive. An individual attempting unauthorized entry may be charged with trespassing.

Emergency Bus Situations

Parents, if a traffic accident involving your child's bus occurs, you will be notified after the safety of all students is secured. Parents arriving on the scene need to follow these protocols to help us maintain order.

1. Remain calm and under control.
2. Do not attempt to board the bus and remove your child. Our drivers are well trained in proper evacuation and emergency response procedures and are specifically instructed to keep student passengers under their direct supervision at all times.
3. Bus drivers may release your child only after police and emergency authorities have authorized them to do so. When approval is given, drivers must obtain the parent's signature verifying the release.
4. Students may not be released to friends or other relatives not listed in PowerSchool as emergency contacts under any circumstances.