OCONEE COUNTY
SCHOOLS



SCHOOL BUS RULES

Please take a moment to read over these bus rules with your child and make sure they understand what is expected of them. We would also appreciate you taking the time to fill out the following information piece so that your driver will have the most current information on how to get in touch with you if needed. Please know that our number one concern ALWAYS is the safety of each and every child that boards the bus . . . their understanding of the rules will help to keep them safe also! You may reach one of our Route Supervisors or the Director of Transportation @ (706) 769-5130.

1. It is crucial that students follow the directions of the bus driver to ensure a safe bus ride.
2. Students will be at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives, waiting in a safe place, clear of traffic, and 12 feet away from where their bus stops.
3. Students will wait in an orderly line and not be running around playing.
4. Students will cross (in subdivisions) the roadway in front of the bus after it has come to a complete stop. The students look at the driver for a hand signal and look in both directions for traffic: left, right, left.
5. Students will signal the driver with a waving motion if something is dropped and wait for the driver to give them a signal before picking it up.
6. Students will go to their assigned seats when entering the bus. Keep the aisles and exits clear.
7. Students are expected to remain properly seated at all times, as it contributes to the overall order and safety on the bus.
8. Students will NOT eat, drink, chew gum, or bring tobacco, drugs, or any controlled substance on the bus.
9. Students may not bring animals, glass objects, hazardous materials, or weapons on the bus. They should only bring items that can be stored in their laps.
10. Students will refrain from using loud voices, profanity, and/or obscene gestures and respect the rights and safety of others.
11. Students will not extend heads, arms, or objects out of the bus windows.
12. Students will be totally silent at railroad crossings.
13. Students will remain seated until it is time to get off the bus. The open door is their signal to get out of their bus seat.
14. Students will keep their bus clean and in good, safe condition.
15. Students are prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other lights or reflective devices in a manner that might interfere with the school bus driver's operation of the school bus.
16. Students shall keep ALL electronic devices in their book bags or pocket. They are not allowed out while the bus is in operation.
17. Students will ride their assigned bus and be released at their assigned stop unless a note is given to the driver by the school stating otherwise.

Essentially, the bus is an extension of the school. All rules that apply at school apply on the bus in addition to those listed here.

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR • PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO YOUR DRIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Child's Name: _____ Grade _____
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Parent's name(s):_____
Address: _____

- **Does your child have permission to get off the bus without an adult present?** yes/ no
- **Does your child have permission to get off the bus without an adult present during stormy/inclement weather?** yes / no

Special notes: _____
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Does your child have ANY allergies or medical conditions the driver needs to be aware of? yes / no
Special notes: _____
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Parent's signature: _____
Contact phone number(s) _____ or _____