

Hope-Page School District

Bus Rider Conduct Rules

All students who utilize the bus service are subject to the rules and consequences listed below.

Parents, please contact drivers ASAP if your students are not riding due to illness or other circumstances.

RULES: Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Responsible

1. Obey the bus driver. The driver oversees all student riders and needs to focus on driving.
2. Stay in your seat, facing forward with legs and arms out of the aisle. Hands, head, and feet should be on the bus.
3. Personal Devices are not allowed on route or shuttle buses.
4. Speak respectfully with a quiet voice.
5. Assist in keeping the bus safe and clean.
6. Respect the bus and show pride in keeping it clean.
7. No weapons, dangerous objects, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs allowed on the bus.
8. Bus riders will behave respectfully and courteously on the bus.

CONSEQUENCES:

- Low-level infractions are considered correctable behavior. These infractions are initially handled by the driver. Students who violate low-level rules are subject to school consequences. If these consequences continue parents will be contacted by the bus driver.
 - Examples of low-level infractions include, but are not limited to: Inappropriate language, screaming, hanging over the seat, out-of-seat behavior, listening to inappropriate music, playing inappropriate games/videos, looking at inappropriate pictures.
 - Low level infractions will be handled by the bus driver. Reoccurring or escalating infractions will be addressed by the bus driver and building administrator.
*** Removal from the bus for an appropriate period may be necessary.**
- High-level infractions are considered a danger to other students. These infractions are handled by the administration and an immediate consequence is necessary. Students who violate high-level rules are subject to the following consequences:
 - Examples of high-level infractions include, but are not limited to: Bullying, vandalism, stealing, throwing items, and/or physical aggression, repeated low-level infractions.
 - High-level infractions will be handled by the building administrator.
***Removal from the bus for an appropriate period may be necessary.**

***Severe Clause: Students may have their riding privileges suspended for longer durations for severe actions on the bus. ***

***Revoking Clause: A student may have their riding privileges permanently denied for serious actions or threats.**

***The bus is an extension of the classroom; the School Districts shall require students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards of classroom behavior. Every bus rider shall abide by these rules or be deprived of the right to ride the school bus. Parents shall assume responsibility for the behavior of their children while riding a school bus. If the privilege to ride the bus is revoked, the parent/guardian is solely responsible for seeing to it that his/her child gets to and from school safely.**

***Students should not bring personal items (toys, cards, valuables, etc.) to school. If they are brought and lost or stolen, the district does not accept responsibility for these items. If it is necessary, students should have the driver hold on to the item and give it to the classroom teacher of office until necessary.**

Reminders prior to loading:

- Always stay off the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the school bus.
- Do not move toward the school bus at the designated stop until it is stopped. Watch for the driver's signal when crossing the street.
- Riders are expected to have appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.

***Technology has provided an additional non-partial means of enforcing discipline on school buses in the form of video cameras. Such cameras may be used where situations warrant.**