

ATTENTION: Parents, guardians, and all students. Please review the school bus safety and discipline policy.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES:

When riding the school bus to and from school, or while on a field trip, each student is required to observe these safety rules. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action against the student and may even result in having the student removed from the bus.

1. Kindergarten students must be accompanied by a responsible person when boarding and upon exiting the school bus at the designated bus stop.

2. Load and unload at designated bus stop in an orderly manner.

3. Ride only the regularly assigned bus and unload at the regular assigned stop. (Permission to load or unload at another location or to ride another bus requires written permission from the parent/guardian and written approval of school personnel.)

4. There must be absolute quietness at railroad crossings and places of danger as determined by the bus driver.

5. Talking on the bus is permitted; however, it must be kept to a minimum. There are not to be any loud noises or yelling.

6. The same behavior, courtesy and rights of others are expected to be the same on the bus as in the classroom.

7. Eating, drinking, chewing gum and littering are not permitted.

8. Students are to remain in their assigned seats unless permission to change is given by the driver. Students are not to change seats while the bus is moving. Students will be charged for any damage they do to school property.

9. Students are not to throw any item on or out of the bus.

10. Students must keep all items and parts of their bodies inside the bus at all times.

11. Students are not permitted to transport animals or live insects on the bus.

12. Cross the street or road at least ten (10) feet in front of the bus and watch for the signal from the driver before beginning to cross.

13. Students are to go promptly to the bus when dismissed from school. They are to go directly home when discharged from the bus in the evenings.

14. There is to be no abusive or obscene language used toward the driver or other students.

15. Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, or drug products are permitted on the bus.

16. Students are not permitted to bring glass containers on the bus.

17. Students may only bring articles on the bus that can be held on their laps. All balls, toys, pencils, and other articles are to be in book bags.

18. A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or conceal any object which might be considered a dangerous weapon or instrument of violence.

Bus Discipline Policy

1. First Offense- driver talks with child about concerns

2. Second Offense- driver contacts parents

    a. Bus/home discipline report or

    b. Telephone call or

    c. Personal contact

3. Third Offense- driver writes up- submits to the school office

    a. Bus contact slip written up by driver

    b. Principal takes what action she/he feels appropriate

4. Fourth Offense- driver writes up – submits to the school office

    a. Bus conduct slip written up by driver

    b. Removal from bus

        1. Three days- Meeting with parents/principal/bus driver at central office

        2. Five days

        3. Ten days

        4. Up to 90 days

5. Remainder of year at any step, the principal can intervene and take whatever action he/she feels is appropriate. Please refer to North Fork Elementary Schools Code of Conduct.