



LOWELLVILLE K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BUS RULES & REGULATIONS



School buses are extensions of regular school facilities and students are expected to conduct themselves on the buses as they do when they are in the school building. School bus drivers have the same authority as the classroom teachers to enforce the rules and regulations in accordance with state law. (O.A.C. 3301-83-08).

Parents/Guardians are responsible for their child's behavior before boarding the bus in the morning (this includes the area where the children gather to wait for the bus) and after the students disembark from the bus at the end of the school day. Riding the bus is a privilege and the student's behavior is a matter of safety and involves the lives of others. Bus drivers should not be distracted from their task of driving, due to inappropriate behavior. Please read, then discuss the following transportation rules with your child and sign the attached form. Return the signed portion to the bus driver and retain the top section for future references.

- The bus driver is the sole responsible authority on the bus. Students should not be disrespectful to the bus driver.
- Behavior at the school bus stop must not threaten life, limb, or property of any individual.
- Students must go directly to an available or assigned seat and remain seated, keeping the aisles and exits clear.
- Eating and drinking is prohibited on the bus except as required for medical reasons.
- Students will not use profane or indecent language or gestures.
- The volume of a student's voice should be consistent with that of inside the classroom.
- Students are prohibited from using or possessing tobacco or look-alike products, alcohol, or drugs on the bus.
- Students must not throw, pass, or spit objects on, from, into, out of, or at the bus.
- No sprays of any kind (hair spray, colognes, deodorant, etc.) are to be used while on the bus.
- Backpacks, musical instruments, and other large items must be held on the child's lap.
- Students must not put their head or arms out of the bus window.
- Students will not tamper with emergency doors, safety devices or video cameras.
- Audio/video recording or photography of students or staff members is prohibited.
- Students will not vandalize or damage the bus.
- Guidelines will be formulated for the use and storage of equipment and other means of assistance required for handicapped students.
- Students must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental permission and administrative authorization to do otherwise.

After a driver has warned a student about unacceptable behavior, he/she will write a Bus Conduct Report that is then turned over to the appropriate administration for Disciplinary Action.

1st Offense: Verbal Warning; Conference with Administrator; Phone Call to Parent

2nd Offense: Conference with Administrator; Phone Call to Parent; Disciplinary Action

3rd Offense: Conference with Administrator; Phone Call to Parent; 1 Day Bus Suspension

Any conduct reports after that will be a progressive disciplinary/suspension from the bus.

***Administrators reserve the right to use professional discretion and may modify, skip, or escalate steps in the disciplinary process based on the severity of the behavior, prior student history, or safety concerns.**

DETACH AND RETURN TO BUS DRIVER BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2026.

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I understand these rules. I have read and discussed them with my child/children.

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Bus # _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____