

RULES FOR RIDERS

These rules apply anytime the student is riding a school bus. On activity trips students shall follow directions of a teacher or a chaperone appointed by the school.

By state law, the driver is in charge of all passengers while they are riding, loading or unloading from the bus.

Any act which may endanger the safety of others may be cause for temporary or permanent suspension of bus riding privileges.

Prior to loading:

1. Students must be on time! Be outside at the stop. In extreme weather students may wait inside, but must be on the way to the bus as it approaches. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy.
2. Bus rider shall conduct themselves in a safe manner while walking to the bus stop, waiting for the bus and boarding the bus. Walk on the far left-hand side of the road facing traffic when going to the bus stop. Never stand in the roadway. Stand single file in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus. If you must cross the street to board the bus, do so only after directed to do so by the bus driver and after you have looked both ways before you enter or cross the street. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and red safety lights are flashing before attempting to enter the bus. The bus will stop at least six (6) feet away from the closest student.

While on the bus:

1. Obey the driver promptly and courteously.
2. In the interest of safety, only low conversational volume levels are acceptable. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited while the bus is moving.
3. When boarding the bus, go quickly and quietly to assigned seat; face forward in the seat at all times.
4. Keep arms, head and all parts of the body inside the bus at all times.
5. Assist to keep the bus clean and free from trash.
6. Treat bus equipment with respect. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender(s). Any damage to the bus is to be reported at once to the driver.
7. Students shall not tamper with the controls or the equipment on the bus.
8. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
9. Keep books, packages, coats, feet and all other objects out of the aisle. All musical instruments and other personal items must be taken by the student to his/her seat. If these items are too large for the student to hold without depriving another student of his/her seat, then the student must make other arrangements for their transportation.
10. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
11. Absolute quiet is necessary at railroad crossings. Drivers may ask for silence from passengers when they are faced with adverse driving conditions such as snow and ice.
12. No glass containers, animals, pets or weapons are allowed on the bus.
13. Smoking or chewing tobacco, possession of alcohol or illegal drugs, swearing, use of obscene language, unacceptable signs or moral offenses are prohibited.

14. No food, drink or gum chewing will be allowed on regular route buses.

After leaving the bus:

1. Never cross behind the bus. If you have to cross the street after deboarding, walk along the side of the road in front of the bus until you can see the driver's face. Wait until the bus driver signals you to cross. Then walk checking traffic in both directions before crossing the other lane of traffic.
2. Remain off the roadway until the bus pulls away. If your child checks the mailbox, teach him/her to wait in the drive until the bus pulls away before checking the box.
3. Never return to the bus for any reason after deboarding.

It is recommended that students have a book bag or sport bag in which to carry all papers, books, shoes, etc. – all loose items. This is especially important for younger riders who might forget the danger of chasing a paper or other dropped item under the bus.

Pre-schoolers who wait for brothers or sisters should stay well away from the street and never go near the bus at any time.