

## Student Bus Safety Rules

**Rationale:** District buses are treated as an extension of the regular school day; therefore, classroom/school day expectations remain in place. The following are rules specific to the safe/timely transportation of your student(s).

1. Loading and unloading of buses must be carried on in an orderly manner. Running and pushing cannot be tolerated. Students should use sidewalks and walk to and from buses.
2. The bus driver is in charge of students on the bus. Students should obey the driver promptly and cheerfully.
3. Students should obey and respect the orders of monitors or patrols on duty, if such are assigned.
4. Students must be on time, the bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy.
5. Students should never stand in the roadway while waiting on the bus.
6. Conversation with the driver should be kept to a minimum.
7. Classroom conduct should be observed by students while riding the bus, except for ordinary conversation.
8. Bus drivers may assign seats to students.
9. The use of tobacco or any controlled substance is prohibited as well as gambling of any kind.
10. Animals or weapons of any kind are not permitted on the bus.
11. Students should avoid throwing wastepaper or other rubbish on the floor of the bus.
12. Students should not at any time extend arms or heads out of a bus window.
13. Students must observe directions of the driver when leaving the bus.
14. Any damage to the bus should be reported to the driver.
15. Students are not to leave or board the bus except at the student's regular bus stop and at school, barring an unforeseen emergency.
16. Once boarded, students cannot disembark without driver consent.
17. Students should not move from one seat to another while the bus is in motion.
18. Unless an emergency occurs, students are not to board or leave the bus except at the front door.
19. Students should walk and use sidewalks as provided when going to and from buses.
20. Students are not to open the bus doors at any time or stand in or around the vicinity of the driver whereby the driver will be unduly distracted from his duties.
21. Students who must cross the road after leaving the bus should cross **in front** of the bus, at least 10 feet, and only upon the signal given by the driver. The same should be followed by students boarding the bus where a road must be crossed.
22. The driver shall report the Transportation Director any violation he is unable to control. Failure to observe regulations will result in appropriate disciplinary action and may lead to the suspension of a student.
23. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds after arriving at school unless special permission is granted by the Administration.

## Behavior Guidelines and Consequences

**Rationale:** District drivers will do their best to avoid discipline referrals. However, they have a responsibility to the safety of all their students. The following are some examples of behaviors that can result in a discipline referral:

### Tier 1

eating/drinking

disruptive/unsafe action

inappropriate language

defiance/disrespect/noncompliance

failure to keep hands/feet/objects to self

### Tier 2

vandalism

fighting

bullying/harassment

alcohol/drugs/tobacco

Consequences for referrals will be determined by the building Administration. Appropriate action includes, but not limited to: student conferences, parent contact, loss of school privileges, loss of bus privileges, restitution and/or ISS/OSS. Parents should be aware that if a student loses their bus privilege, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to transport the student to and from school.

Thank you for your help keeping our students safe.