

STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES RULES

The right of students to ride on the bus depends upon their behavior and the observance of the rules contained herein. Any action which endangers safe operation of the bus may cause the suspension of the student's right to ride on the bus. Drivers are authorized to enforce the rules and to make other suggestions in line with good citizenship.

Students are expected to observe the following rules:

A. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students at all times. This is to include the transportation portion of a field trip. The safety of all rests on the driver's shoulders. Students and all other passengers will obey the driver promptly and respectfully.

B. When the bus is in motion, students are not to stand or move about. Students are to remain seated while approaching their school or their home until the bus comes to a full stop.

C. All students will be ready in the morning 10 minutes before the time the school bus usually arrives at the pick-up point. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.

D. During the morning pick-up, students shall be discharged only at the regular designated stops at their schools. Permission shall not be granted to allow students to leave the bus at any other place.

E. During the afternoon drop-off, the driver shall unload students at their designated bus stop.

F. Normal conversation among students is allowed on the bus. Loud, boisterous speech, swearing, shouting out of the windows, and throwing caps, books, paper, or other objects shall not be tolerated.

G. Students shall not extend their arms or head out the windows.

H. Students are asked to refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver.

I. There shall not be any eating or drinking on the bus while the bus is in motion. If a bag lunch is necessary for a field trip or for athletic competition, the passengers will have an appropriate amount of time to eat on the bus. However, the bus shall not leave until the passengers have finished. The time appropriated for the meal shall be figured into the field trip to allow the bus to return on schedule.

J. Students shall help keep the bus clean. A waste container is provided at the front of the bus.

K. Above all, courteous treatment of the driver and other students will be the rule.

L. Students who cross the road shall cross in front of the bus on the signal from the driver when he/she has determined that all traffic has stopped.

M. No passengers shall be permitted to enter the bus with a gun, weapon, or pyrotechnics.

N. Drivers shall not be permitted to transport with passengers any animals, (exception assistance animals) firearms, explosives, or anything of a dangerous nature.

O. No passenger shall be allowed to use tobacco, chewing tobacco, lighters, or matches on a school bus or any other vehicle that is being used for a school sponsored function.

P. No passenger shall be permitted to enter the bus who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Q. Drivers may assign seats in the bus and passengers will take the assigned seats.

R. Any and all damage done to seats or other equipment on or in the bus will be paid for by the responsible party or parties.

S. Students will be permitted to carry on the bus personal items that can fit into a book bag or grocery style bag. No more than two bags per student will be allowed at any one time.

T. All musical instruments which are deemed too large to be transported safely in the student's seat will be placed in a location that the driver designates as appropriate.

Disciplinary Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

A breach of these rules may result in suspension of bus privileges.

A. First Offense: The bus driver will speak with the student about his/her behavior.

B. Second Offense: The bus driver will provide the student's principal with a completed behavior report. The principal will speak to the student, parents and/or guardians shall be notified and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

C. Third Offense: The bus driver will provide the student's principal with a completed behavior report. The principal and the bus driver will meet with the student and his/her parents/guardians. The student's bus riding privileges will be suspended for a period of time deemed appropriate.

Steps A and B may be omitted for any serious violation or any repeated violation.

Adopted: