

Student Conduct on Buses

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND PROCEDURES

In a continuing effort to maintain safety on buses, the following rules and consequences are given for your information.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

Promptly follow directions the first time they are given.

1. Remain seated while the bus is moving.
2. No fighting, loud noises, profanity, gang signs, or obscene gestures/actions.
3. Throwing any objects within the bus or out the windows is prohibited.
4. Not allowed on the bus at any time are: smoke and/or flame producing objects, animals (dead or alive), weapons, skateboards, tobacco products, or other controlled substances.
5. Food and drinks allowed on the bus only by permission of the driver.
6. Students not riding their regular route bus must have authorization slips from their parents or guardians, their building principal or office, or the Transportation Supervisor to ride a different bus.
7. Students shall wait in an orderly line and avoid “horseplay”.
8. Students will only be allowed to exit the bus at their regular stop unless written permission has been obtained from their parents/guardians, their building principal or office, or the Transportation Supervisor.
9. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
10. If necessary to cross the road, wait 15 feet in front of the bus for a signal from the driver before proceeding to cross traffic lanes.

CONSEQUENCES

Ideally, all discipline concerns can be worked out between the driver and student. However, in those events where continued rule violations occur, the following actions will be taken:

1. Driver will verbally warn student and give directions for compliance.
2. 1st Citation – will be issued when student continues to not follow bus rules or directions of the driver. Parents will be notified by the student’s principal.

3. 2nd Citation – bus privileges will be suspended for four (4) school days. Parents will be notified by the student’s principal. Parents, student, principal, Transportation Supervisor, and bus driver may meet to establish a student behavior plan prior to student’s bus privileges being reinstated.
4. 3rd Citation – bus privileges will be revoked by the Transportation Supervisor for the remainder of the school year.

Behavior which endangers the safety and welfare of others will be treated as a 2nd citation. Some examples are, but are not limited to: being openly defiant toward driver, fighting, vandalism, possession of weapons, flame/smoke producing objects, tobacco, or other controlled substances. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and all school rules apply. Good student behavior allows the driver to concentrate on the task of driving.

Parents will be involved and are encouraged to know the bus driver and to support safe transportation of students.

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| Cross Reference: 3330 | Student Discipline |
| 8130 | Transportation of Students with Disabilities |
| Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1501 | Transportation authorized |
| I.C. § 33-205 | Denial of school attendance |

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