

School Bus Rules of Conduct

Students will:

- Ride the bus to which assigned and will typically enter and exit only at their regular bus stop. Students desiring to exit at other than their regular stop must present written permission from their parent or guardian, countersigned by an official of the respective school. Through prior arrangements with the Transportation Department, students may ride other than their assigned bus to another scheduled stop, subject to the availability of seating.
- Form in a single line at their designated bus stop or bus-loading zone and remain far enough away from the edge of the roadway to permit normal traffic flow. Boarding will be in an orderly fashion, without pushing or the crowding of other students.
- Identify themselves when requested to do so by the driver
- Refrain from disruptive conduct, fighting, or throwing of any object
- Keep all portions of the body inside the bus at all times
- Not consume food or beverages or chew gum while on the bus
- Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion. Seating arrangements may be made at the discretion of the bus driver
- Not use profane or abusive language or gestures
- Not smoke or possess lighting devices
- Not tamper with bus controls, radios, doors, or emergency exits
- Not exhibit a public show of affection for another student
- Not damage property or leave trash at any bus stop
- Arrive at their bus stop five (5) minutes, but no more than five (5) minutes before the bus arrives
- Not write on seats or walls of the bus nor intentionally damage any portion of the bus (Parents are responsible for all replacement costs)
- Exit through the front door only, unless otherwise directed by the bus driver
- Cross roadways in front of the bus, unless directed by the bus driver
- GLASS CONTAINERS, LIVE ANIMALS, BALLOON BOUQUETS, OR SKATEBOARDS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE BUS.

Penalties for Breaking Rules of Conduct

Bus riding privileges for a student may be immediately suspended/revoked and school discipline assigned for:

- Threatening or inflicting bodily harm on the bus driver or any passenger
- Endangering the safety of any bus occupant or the bus itself.

The following disciplinary action will be taken for violations of the ***Rules of Conduct*** for school bus riders:

- 1st School Bus Incident: Meeting with guardian and principal.
- 2nd School Bus Incident: Report to Parents—Two-day bus suspension
- 3rd School Bus Incident: Report to Parents—Three-day bus suspension or suspension for the semester
- 4th School Bus Incident: Report to Parents—Suspension for the remainder of the school semester or the school year, depending on the infraction.