

School Bus Riding Privileges

The school district furnishes transportation; however, this does not relieve the parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a child boards the bus—and only at that time, does he/she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the bus drivers shall require children to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Students shall observe the student bus rules as specifies in this policy. Riding the bus is a privilege and may be denied.

Denial of Bus Riding Privileges

When in the opinion of the bus driver, the disciplinary action warrants the issuance of a Bus Misconduct Report to the student, the driver shall notify the building principal of the issuance of the report. The report must be signed by the student's parent/guardian, and returned to the bus driver before the student will be allowed to resume riding the bus. The driver will return the signed misconduct report to the principal to be filed in the student's file.

If a second Bus Misconduct Report is issued, the bus driver shall notify the student and his/her parents that he/she has been suspended from the bus and the parent must contact the building principal in order to resolve the problem. The bus driver should then inform the principal of the incident. Once the building principal has been contacted by the student's parent, the principal may arrange for a conference between the student, the parents/guardians and the bus driver.

If a third notice is issued, the same procedure shall be followed as outlined for the second notice except the building principal shall automatically suspend the student from riding the bus for five (5) days. A conference shall be arranged before the student will be allowed back on the bus.

If a fourth notice is issued, the same procedure shall be followed as outlined for the second notice except the building principal shall inform the students and parents that the student's riding privileges have been revoked for the remainder of the school year and that upon parental request, a hearing will be held at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting to review the matter.

If in the opinion of the building principal or superintendent, the reported misconduct warrants, additional discipline measures may be imposed after any misconduct notice.

Student Bus Rules

1. The student shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus arrives. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
2. The student shall wait in a safe place, clear of traffic and away from where the bus stops.
3. The student shall wait in an orderly line and avoid horseplay.
4. The student shall cross the road or street in front of the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop and upon direction of the driver.
5. The driver may assign the student to a seat. The student shall go directly to an available or assigned seat when entering the bus.
6. The student shall remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear.
7. The student shall observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
8. The student shall refrain from throwing or passing objects on, from, or into buses.
9. The student is permitted to carry only objects that can be held on his/her lap. Arrangements must be made with the driver for large musical instruments.
10. The student shall not use profane or obscene language, tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance on the bus.
11. Eating and drinking on the bus may be permitted or prohibited at the driver's discretion.
12. The student shall not carry hazardous materials, nuisance items, and animals onto the bus.
13. The student shall respect the rights and safety of others.
14. The student shall refrain from leaving or boarding the bus at locations other than the assigned stops at home or school.
15. The student shall refrain from extending head, arms, or objects out of the bus windows.

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