

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Buses are provided for those students whose distance from school or health make this service essential. Misconduct on buses will not be tolerated and will result in forfeiture of the privileges of riding.

Students are expected to discipline themselves and comply with the instructions of the bus operator. The driver will be in full charge of the bus and the passengers. There must be no disturbance of any kind that might distract the driver and imperil the safety of the passengers.

Students will observe the following rules of conduct while riding school buses:

1. Students must be on time at the designated bus stops; the bus cannot wait beyond its regular time schedule for tardy students.
2. Students must not stand in the traffic lanes while waiting for the bus.
3. Bus riders should not move to board a bus until it is completely stopped and the door is open.
4. Students shall ride on their assigned buses unless directed otherwise by the administration or driver.
5. Students will enter the bus in an orderly fashion and go directly to a seat. Students must stay in their seats and in a sitting position when the bus is in motion.
6. Students must occupy the seat assigned to them, if seats are assigned.
7. The same courteous conduct expected in the classroom must be observed while on the bus. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Shouting, screaming, smoking, running, fighting, vulgar talk, and pushing are not permitted.
8. Pupils must refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver. His/her job requires his/her full attention.
9. Bus riders should leave their seats only after the bus has come to a complete stop at their bus stop.

10. Students will assist the driver in keeping the interior of the bus clean, sanitary and in orderly condition. Students must not throw waste paper or rubbish on the floor or out of the windows of the bus.
11. Students will not open or close the windows without the permission of the bus driver.
12. Students must not, at any time, put hands, arms, or heads out of the bus window.
13. All articles such as athletic equipment, books, musical instruments, etc. must be kept out of the aisles.
14. Any damage to the bus will be paid for by the rider inflicting the damage; the rider will be subject to suspension or expulsion from school.
15. A driver may set additional rules, subject to approval by the Director of Transportation, if conditions warrant.

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