

REGULATIONS FOR PUPILS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

The privilege of any pupil to ride a school bus is conditioned upon his/her good behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations. Any pupil in violation of these rules and regulations may be denied the privilege of riding the bus by the driver or principal for an indefinite period of time. This privilege will be restored only after evidence has been presented that the student's behavior will improve.

1. The driver is in charge of the bus and pupils. Pupils should obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
2. Pupils must be on time. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy. Students should be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
3. Pupils shall report promptly to the driver any damage done to the bus. Persons causing damage shall be expected to defray the full cost of repairs before riding privileges are restored.
4. Pupils shall always cross in front of the bus and at a safe distance in front of the bus in order to be seen by the bus driver. (minimum 10-12 feet)
5. Pupils shall not run toward the bus or run across the street in front of the school bus while it is in motion. Pupils shall wait for the driver to signal before crossing in front of the bus.
6. Pupils must never stand in the road while waiting for the school bus. Students shall wait in an orderly line off the highway or street.
7. Pupils shall board the bus and immediately take a seat without disturbing other passengers; pupils shall ride three in a seat and not exchange seats unless given permission by the driver. If all seats are taken, pupils shall stand to the rear of the bus and not in the doorway.
8. Pupils shall remain seated except when loading and unloading.
9. In order for a pupil to get off their regular bus at a stop other than their assigned stop, the pupil must present a note to the driver from the parents/guardians that has been stamped by the principal's office.
10. In order for a pupil to ride a bus other than the one regularly assigned, the pupil must present a note to the driver from the parents/guardians that has been stamped by the principal's office.
11. Pupils shall not engage in any activity which might divert the driver's attention away from driving the bus and cause an accident, such as:
 - (a) Loud or excessive talking or laughing.
 - (b) Unnecessary conversation with the driver.
 - (c) No horseplay.
 - (d) Extending any part of the body out of the bus window or door.
12. The following activities are prohibited:
 - (a) improper behavior to include: disrespect, disobedience, vulgarity, foul language, fighting, shoving, threatening behavior, and similar offensive acts.
 - (b) use or possession of tobacco products, vapor products, e-cigarettes, lighters, or matches.
 - (c) vandalism or damage to the bus.
 - (d) bringing animals on the bus.
 - (e) throwing articles or objects in or from the bus.
 - (f) tampering with mechanical equipment, accessories or controls of the bus.
 - (g) obstructing the aisle in any manner.
 - (h) obstructing the emergency exit in any manner
 - (h) occupying more space in a seat than required.
 - (i) littering the bus (gum).