

Bus Conduct: School transportation is a privilege and not a right. The privilege of a student to public transportation is conditioned upon his/her behavior. Therefore, it is a privilege that could be lost if proper conduct is not maintained.

Because of the Board's concern for safety of students riding buses to and from school, the following rules and regulations need to be observed at all time:

Pupils Shall:

- Be ready in the morning at the scheduled time and place for the bus to arrive.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before trying to load or unload.
- Pass in front of the bus, if necessary, to cross road or highway, to mount bus or after dismounting.
- Be quiet when the bus is nearing and crossing a railroad or highway.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing, if it is necessary to cross the road to enter or leave the bus. Always look in both directions to be sure that it is safe before crossing.

Pupils Shall Not:

- Play on the road while waiting for the bus.
- Chew gum on the school bus.
- Have Cell phones, beepers, or pagers on the school bus.
- Have radios, cigarette lighters, stereos, electronic games or tape/CD players on the school bus.
- Put head or hand out of the window.
- Mar or deface, cut, tear or rip seats or any part of the bus (Board Policy JCDAG requires anyone doing so will have to pay for damage.)
- Fight or scuffle while on or waiting for the bus.
- Be out of seat while bus is moving.
- Use profane language or make vulgar gestures.
- Carry weapons of any kind.
- Make excessive noise.
- Throw objects.
- Strike or threaten bus driver.
- Distract the driver's attention except when necessary.
- Commit any other act of improper conduct.
- Bring balloons on any school bus.
- Bring glass objects on any school bus.

The principal or assistant principal for misconduct on the bus may discipline students in the same manner provided for discipline in the school. Penalties for any offence above may include one or more of the following:

- Required parent conferences.
- Corporal Punishment.
- Bus suspension.
- Denial of the privilege of riding bus.
- Other penalties used for misbehavior on the school campus.