



# SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

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It is the goal of the school authorities to maintain safe equipment, competent drivers, and a wholesome and safe environment at all times on the district's school buses. To achieve this end, the full co-operation of both pupils and parents is essential and appreciated.

The minimum standards of conduct for students riding the buses are the same as in the classroom. **Bus drivers have the same authority and responsibility to enforce discipline as do teachers. Bus drivers may assign seats if needed.**

Misbehavior on the school bus will result in a ticket being issued for the infraction. This ticket must be signed by a parent and returned to the driver before a child can ride the bus again. Continued infractions or acts which endanger other or bus safety may result in loss of riding privileges.

**Please make sure that all bus riders in your household understand the following bus behavior rules:**

1. Students may engage in ordinary conversation-but shouting, making loud noises, swearing, singing, pushing, hitting, throwing objects or creating any kind of disturbance is dangerous and is absolutely forbidden.
2. Students are to sit safely, with their head, shoulder and legs out of the aisle while the bus is in motion. Elementary students must ask permission to move from seat to seat. At no time should a student be moving to another seat unless the bus has stopped and the parking brake set. Passengers leaving the bus will remain seated until the bus stops and the parking brake is set.
3. All book bags or other personal objects are to be kept out of the aisle, and in or under the student's seat.
4. Heavy, sharp, or bulky articles that are potentially hazardous during an accident or emergency exit are not permitted in the passenger area of the bus. Items not allowed on the bus include all forms of animal life,(except service dogs) firearms, weapons, (including but not limited to knives), breakable containers, flammables, large musical instruments, golf clubs, baseball bats, balloons, large bulky items and all other articles which could adversely affect the safety of the bus passengers.
5. All students are expected to treat other students with respect and care.
6. The windows of the bus are not to be opened without the specific permission from the driver. Passengers are prohibited from extending objects or any part of the body out of the bus windows.
7. Students may not leave the bus except at their regular stop unless they have written permission from a parent or guardian.
8. Standards of neatness and respect for school property shall be the same on the buses as in the school itself. Tampering with any of the equipment is strictly forbidden. Refuse may not thrown on the floor or otherwise discarded in the bus or from it.
9. Students should leave home early enough to arrive at their designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is expected. While waiting for the bus, they need to stay off the road. As the bus approaches and comes to a stop, riders should stand back and not crowd the door. They are expected to board in single file, without shoving and pushing, and move quickly to a seat.
10. Off loading from the bus should be orderly and in single file. Students debarking on the public roads will walk approximately six to ten feet in front of and parallel to the right side of the bus, where they will stop and await the bus driver's signal to cross the roadway in front of the bus. Student will look both ways before proceeding and go directly across to the other side of the road.