

Bus Rules and Regulations

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and pupils. The students must obey the driver promptly and willingly.
2. Pupils shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times, unless a permit to ride a different bus has been issued by the Transportation Department.
3. No Pupil shall be permitted to leave the bus except at his/her regular stop unless the bus driver has a note from the child's parent. Requests for elementary students wishing to change stops will be taken to their teacher, while secondary students will bring their request to the high school office.
4. Each pupil will sit in the seat or area of the bus as designated by the driver. Permanent seating may be assigned at the discretion of the driver.
5. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct must be observed. Classroom conduct is interpreted to mean that students will:
  - a. Sit properly in their seats.
  - b. Refrain from throwing objects
  - c. Keep their hands to themselves.
  - d. Be courteous to their fellow passengers.
6. Pupils are to assist in keeping the bus clean by keeping their waste paper off the floor. Pupils must also refrain from throwing refuse out the windows. To keep the bus clean, eating is not allowed.
7. No pupil will smoke or light matches on a school bus.
8. No pupil shall open a window below the red line on the school bus. This applies both while the bus is in the lot and on the road.
9. No pupil shall at any time extend his head, hands, or arms out of the windows whether the school bus is in motion or standing still. Students are to remain seated until the bus has come to a full stop.
10. Pupils must see that they have nothing in their possession that may cause injury to another such as sticks, breakable containers and any type of firearms and knives, straps or pins extending from their clothing. No type of animal is permitted on a school bus unless approved by the superintendent.
11. Each pupil must see that his books and personal belongings are kept out of the aisle. Special permission must be granted by school authorities to transport any large items.
12. No pupil will be allowed to talk to the driver more than is necessary.
13. No pupil shall sit in the driver's seat, nor shall any pupil be to the immediate left or right of the driver.
14. Self discipline should be exercised by pupils at the bus loading area. Students who have to walk some distance along the highway to or from bus loading zone must walk on the left hand side of the road facing the oncoming traffic.
15. The school must be reimbursed for damage to the school bus by students.
16. Student misconduct on a bus will be sufficient reason to discontinue providing bus transportation to the student(s) involved.

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