

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Students will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times while boarding, riding, or leaving a school bus. They will observe rules of safety and will not cause commotions which might distract the attention of the driver from the control of the vehicle. Violations of order will be considered the same as if committed in a classroom.

The Principal or his/her designee may put a student off the bus only in extreme situations when the continued presence of the student on the bus clearly jeopardizes the safety of other passengers. An immediate report of the case will be made to the office of the superintendent. Normally, offenders will be advised by drivers that they will be reported to the appropriate principal or to the superintendent. If school authorities deem suspension of bus privileges to be the appropriate disciplinary action to be taken, parents will be advised immediately of this decision.

Code of Behavior on School Buses

1. On roadways where there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
2. While waiting for the school bus, do not run around.
3. Be on time at the designated pick-up point.
4. Approach the bus only when it has stopped.
5. Proceed to assigned seat and stay there until the bus arrives at the discharge point.
6. Place no books and equipment in the aisle.
7. Always keep your seat in the bus – NO STANDING.
8. Always keep hands, arms, etc. in the bus.
9. There is to be no eating of food on school buses.
10. Cooperate with the driver, no talking to the driver while the bus is in motion.
11. HOWEVER, report any emergency to the driver.
12. Remain in your seat until vehicle has come to a complete stop.
13. Leave bus at designated stop.
14. The school bus is a classroom on wheels. Act on a school bus as you would in the classroom.
15. Respect and be courteous to your school bus driver. He/She has a very important job to do and he/she needs your help.

Disciplinary Procedures

- First offense: Discipline will be administered by the principal and a warning letter sent to parents
- Second offense: The student will not be allowed to ride the bus for up to one (1) week with a parent conference
- Third offense: The student will not be allowed to ride the bus for up to two (2) weeks with a parent conference
- Fourth offense: Parent and student conference with the principal and superintendent may result in the suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the year

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