

BUS SAFETY RULES

Riding a school bus is not an undeniable right. Each student is responsible for making the choice to follow the safety rules and have a pleasant ride to school, or if a student chooses not to follow the safety rules, he/she takes the chance of losing his/her bus riding privileges.

Supervision and Monitoring Behavior

1. Since parents are responsible for supervising their children while they wait at the bus stop in the morning and after they are delivered to their regular bus stop after school, they are encouraged to occasionally be present at the bus stop.
2. The District will assume responsibility for the supervision of students while they are on the school bus and while they are at school.
3. Student behavior while on the bus may be monitored using video cameras pursuant to Board policy #8260 Video Surveillance.

Student Rules of Safe Conduct

Because bus drivers must give their full attention to safe driving, the following rules must be followed by students who ride District buses.

At the Bus Stop

1. Be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus. This is important since the time of arrival may vary depending on prior pickups.
2. Wait in an orderly line; at least ten (10) feet back from the road or street.
3. While waiting for the bus to arrive, do not play on or near the road or fight, push, trip, or scuffle.
4. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and for the driver's signal before approaching the bus, then if necessary, cross the road ten (10) feet in front.

While Loading and Unloading

1. Follow the directions of the driver the first time they are given.
2. Ride only the assigned bus. Get on and off the bus only at the assigned home stop. If a parent has an emergency and needs to change their student's home stop, they may do so by filling out a deviation form and submitting it to the transportation department for approval. **Notes from parents to bus drivers or teachers are not acceptable.** An extreme emergency situation may be an exception.

3. Enter or leave the bus through the entry door unless directed otherwise.
4. After boarding the bus, go directly to an available or assigned seat. Drivers are authorized to assign seats at any time.
5. Do not hitch rides via the rear bumper or other parts of the bus.

While on the Bus

1. Cooperate with and be courteous to the bus driver and follow directions promptly.
2. Remain seated while the bus is moving, facing forward keeping isles and exits clear.
3. Observe appropriate classroom conduct at all times. Talk in a normal tone and do not shout.
4. Do not use cell phones.
5. Do not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
6. Backpacks are recommended for containing papers, books, lunches, and personal belongings while riding the bus.
7. Parents should remove all drawstrings and dangling items from clothing and back packs in order to help prevent injury or death that could result if such items are caught on bus components.
8. Do not carry any item onto the bus that is too large to fit on the student's lap.
9. Do not carry hazardous materials, nuisance items (i.e. balloons, glass, or popcorn), animals, or any potentially dangerous items on school buses.
10. Do not eat, drink, spit, or litter. Keep the bus clean.
11. Do not use profane or vulgar language, vulgar or crude gestures, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances.
12. Respect the rights, safety, and property of others on the bus.
13. Do not destroy or deface property, or tamper with school bus equipment.
14. Keep all body parts and objects inside the bus at all times.
15. Remain clothed at all times.