

STUDENTS CONDUCT ON THE BUS

In general student transportation is considered an extension of the school day and all in-school behavior expectations apply. In general, on the bus students are expected to...

Be Safe:

- Keep your body and all objects inside the bus and to yourself;
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion;
- Keep your body from touching bus operating and emergency equipment;
- Leave any weapons, including toy replicas, at home;
- Stay a safe distance from the bus;
- Cross in front of the bus as instructed by the driver;
- Arrange for transportation of animals or pets with parents.

Be Respectful:

- Follow driver direction quickly and completely;
- Be respectful to everyone on the bus;
- Speak quietly to people near you;
- Keep your body and objects from touching others;
- Keep all of your belongings on you lap or on the floor in front of you;
- Get permission to open a window;
- Stay off private property at or near designated bus stops.

Be Responsible:

- Keep the bus clean;
- Use all areas of the bus appropriately;
- Arrive at the bus on time;
- Never bring alcohol, tobacco, medications or other illegal drugs;
- Get permission prior to bringing unusual objects on the bus;
- Use emergency exist only in an emergency.
- Bring bus pass from school office to driver if riding a different bus or getting off at a different bus stop.

Prior to loading:

- Students need to be at their designated stop 5 minutes prior to their pick-up time;
- Wait until the bus is to a complete stop before approaching the bus;

After leaving the bus:

- Cross the road only when needed at least 10 feet in FRONT of the bus;
- Be alert to any danger signal from the driver

Afternoon departure:

- You must ride your assigned bus route;
- Do not approach the bus once it begins to depart, approximately 7 minutes after school is dismissed. The bus cannot stop for safety reasons.

Objects on the bus

Only objects that can be held comfortably on the student's lap or on the floor between the student's feet may be transported on home to school route buses. Alternative arrangements will be needed to transport large items such as tubas and skis.

Extra-Curricular trips:

- All bus rules and school regulations apply to any trip under school sponsorship;
- Students must follow directions of student chaperones as well as drivers and school staff;

Students who do not follow the bus behavior expectations will be address following the ***Response to Misconduct on the Bus*** process.

RESPONSE TO MISCONDUCT ON THE BUS

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<p>ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defiance of the bus driver; • Wrestling of boisterous activity; • Late for bus; • Not seated while bus in motion; • Failing to cross in front of bus or as instructed; • Extending hands, arms or head through window; • Conversing in loud tone; • Opening/closing window without permission; • Inappropriate displays of affection; • Failing to keep bus clean; • Being discourteous to driver, or others; • Failing to promptly follow adult directions; • Disrespectful statements; • Too close to bus while bus is in motion; • Possession of unauthorized object on bus. 	<p>ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defiance to redirection of Level 1 activities; • Moving emergency door handle without authorization; • Bringing an animal on the bus; • Refusing to sit in assigned seat; • Using vulgar language; • Damaging the bus; • Throwing objects on the bus; • Threats or physical harm to driver or others; <p>Based upon student actions, Level 1 activities may be moved directly to Level 2 at the discretion of school staff.</p>	<p>ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defiance to redirection of Level 2 activities; • Fighting; • Opening the emergency door while bus is moving; • Exiting without permission; • Possession of firearms, weapons or other hazards; • Throwing object out of the bus; <p>Based upon student actions, Level 2 activities may be moved directly to Level 3 at the discretion of school staff.</p>
<p>RESPONSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver will specifically and respectfully address the behavior directly to the student and redirect to acceptable behavior. • No communication or report is required to parents or school staff. 	<p>RESPONSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver will specifically and respectfully address the student; • Driver will complete a Level 2 referral form at the end of the route and deliver or transmit to school staff the same day; • School staff will assign consequence according to school/district policy ranging from assigned seating or up to 5 day bus suspension. • School staff will notify parent and transportation office (or driver) of outcome. 	<p>RESPONSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver will specifically and respectfully address the student; • Driver will complete a Level 3 referral form and deliver or transmit to school staff as soon as possible; • School staff will assign consequence according to school/district policy ranging from assigned seating or up to suspension from bus for remainder of school year. • School staff will notify parent and transportation office (or driver) of outcome.

Critical Behavior presenting an immediate safety concern for students or drivers will be responded to more acutely as follows:

- Immediate contact from driver to dispatch via bus radio;
- Dispatch to contact school staff or police as needed
- Student returned to school or School staff or police to respond to bus location as needed
- Dispatch to notify driver of pending response.