

# STUDENT RULES OF CONDUCT WHILE RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

1. Students must board and leave the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative permission.
2. Students shall arrive at their bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive. **Students must remain in their place of safety until the driver gives them the signal to board the bus in the morning. No student shall be permitted to go back into their home for forgotten items. In the afternoon students are to remain in their designated safe location after leaving the school bus until the driver gives them the signal that it is safe to leave for their home. No student shall be permitted to check the mail, get trash cans, etc., until the bus has left their location.**
3. Students must wait in a location clear of traffic. Behavior at the bus stop must not threaten life, limb, or property of any individual.
4. Students must board the bus quickly and go directly to their seat.
5. Students must remain seated facing forward at all times when the bus is in motion. The driver may assign seats to all or some of the students.
6. Eating, drinking and gum chewing is prohibited on the bus except as required for medical reasons.
7. Students may not have alcohol, tobacco, or drugs in their possession on the bus except for required prescription medication.
8. The use of profane or abusive language is not permitted on the bus.
9. All students shall abide by the driver's request to be quiet when approaching and crossing **RAILROAD TRACKS**.
10. No part of the body shall be placed outside the window of the bus at any time.
11. No animals, firearms or weapons of any kind, including pocket knives, are permitted on the bus at any time. Electronic devices are permitted on the bus **IF NOT DISTRACTING TO THE DRIVER**. School employees are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen electronic devices or any other objects.
12. Large articles must not be placed on the seats. All parcels or other objects shall be held in the students' lap. Aisles and exits must be kept clear at all times.
13. The driver shall be in charge of all passengers at all times while on the bus. While on field trips / athletic trips, the teacher / coach shall assist the driver. Students must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
14. Fighting, shouting, whistling or throwing of any object **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
15. Marking, writing on, cutting or otherwise defacing the interior or exterior of the bus is not permitted. Student and or parent / guardian will be responsible for the cost of repair.
16. Glass containers, aerosol sprays, or any other flammable items are not permitted on the bus.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION** While the law requires the school district to furnish transportation, it does not relieve parents of the responsibility of supervision of students until the child boards the bus in the morning or after the child leaves the bus at the end of the day. **YOUNG CHILDREN WILL NOT BE LEFT AT RESIDENCE OR BUS STOP IF AN ADULT IS NOT VISUALLY PRESENT FOR THAT STUDENT, THEY WILL THEN BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE WHERE THEY WILL WAIT FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO PICK THEM UP.** When students arrive at a bus stop and / or board a school bus, they become the responsibility of the school district and are subject to the school code of conduct. Students on the bus are under the authority of, and directly responsible to, the bus operator and the building principals. The operator has the authority to enforce established regulations for bus conduct. Students are expected to conduct themselves on the bus as they would in the classroom, except that reasonable "visiting" and conversation are permitted. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the operator's authority are sufficient reason for the operator to refer the student to the building principal, who may refuse transportation or take other appropriate disciplinary action. A copy of "Rules of Conduct While Riding School Buses" is listed above.