

Bus Conduct

(Board Policy 5132)

Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who demonstrate appropriate conduct while preparing to ride, riding, and exiting the bus. Continued disorderly behavior or persistent refusal to follow the directions of the bus driver may result in the loss of transportation privileges.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish regulations related to student conduct on buses, driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. These rules shall be made available to students and parents/guardians.

Because student behavior directly impacts safety, the following rules apply at all times while students are at bus stops, boarding, riding, or exiting the bus. School personnel, parents/guardians, and students share responsibility for ensuring compliance.

Student Expectations

Students must:

- Follow all instructions and directions given by the bus driver at all times.
- Arrive at the bus stop on time and wait in a safe location, standing quietly.
- Board the bus in an orderly manner and proceed directly to their assigned seat.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion, keeping the aisle clear of all belongings.
- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop before exiting.
- Show courtesy and respect to the driver and fellow passengers.
- Avoid behaviors that may distract the driver or create unsafe conditions, including loud talking, yelling, throwing objects, eating, drinking, standing, or changing seats.
- Keep all body parts (including hands, arms, and head) inside the bus at all times.
- Refrain from throwing any objects inside or outside the bus.
- Help keep the bus and bus stop area clean.
- Respect school property by not damaging or tampering with the bus or its equipment.
- Not bring animals on the bus without prior permission from the Superintendent/Principal.
- Use caution and remain alert to traffic when exiting the bus.

Disciplinary Procedures

Students who fail to follow these rules will be reported to the Superintendent/Principal or designee. Consequences will be determined based on the severity and frequency of the misconduct. Parents/guardians will be notified of all violations.

Students who receive two (2) bus citations will lose their bus riding privilege for the remainder of the trimester or forty (40) school days, whichever is longer.

In cases of serious misconduct or repeated violations, a student may lose bus privileges for a longer period, up to the remainder of the school year.