

BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

BUS RIDING IS A PRIVILEGE – NOT A RIGHT

Please examine the enclosed rules and regulations regarding students riding the school buses. We need your cooperation in keeping our buses safe. Irresponsible students should not be permitted to endanger the lives of others.

The following rules shall be observed by ALL riding the school buses.

1. GENERAL RULES

- A. The driver is in full charge. Obey promptly and cheerfully.
- B. Bus drivers reserve the right to assign seats on the bus.
- C. Classroom conduct must be observed on the bus at all times.
- D. Once students are on the bus, they must remain there until reaching school or home. The only exception to this rule is when a student is required to transfer to another bus.
- E. The offender will pay for any damage done while rules are not observed.
- F. Transportation of articles on the bus other than books and things retained in the possession of the rider is prohibited. No objects may block aisles, step wells or emergency exits. No animals may be transported ~~unless written~~

2. PRIOR TO LOADING (ON THE ROAD OR AT SCHOOL)

- A. Arrive at designated school bus stops five minutes prior to pick-up time.
- B. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
- C. Wait until bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
- D. Be careful while approaching bus stops.
- E. Bus riders are not permitted to move toward the bus at the school loading zone until buses have been brought to a complete stop.
- F. The driver will sound the horn indicating danger. Remain alert for the signal.

3. WHILE ON THE BUS

- A. Cell phone use is prohibited on the bus at all times.
- B. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
- C. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment. The offender must pay for damages.
- D. Do not leave books, lunches or other objects on the bus. Keep books, lunches, and other objects out of the aisles, especially band instruments.
- E. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
- F. Do not throw items inside in the bus or out of the bus windows. *Windows 1/2 way down*
- G. Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
- H. Eating, drinking, smoking, or chewing of tobacco is not allowed on the bus.
- I. Bus riders are expected to be courteous to fellow pupils and to the bus driver. Vulgar, profane, and/or harassing language will not be tolerated.
- J. Absolute quiet is necessary while at a railroad-crossing stop.
- K. In case of an emergency, students are to remain in the bus or evacuate the bus as directed by the driver. Do not leave by the rear door except in case of an emergency.
- L. Report any injury to the driver.
- M. Inappropriate behaviors and/or misconduct need be confidentially reported to the bus driver, school officials, or the bus company immediately.
- N. Students are responsible for their possessions while on the bus, and the items must remain in the rider's possession at all times.

- O. Keep hands and head inside at all times.

4. AFTER LEAVING THE BUS

- A. Cross the road, when necessary, after getting off the bus (at least ten feet in front of the bus) only after getting a signal from the driver and looking to be sure that no traffic is approaching from either location.
- B. The driver will sound the horn indicating danger. Remain alert for the signal.