

Student Conduct on Buses

The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for dissemination of this policy to all students.

- a. All students shall be ready in the morning at their bus stop. Students are not to stand in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- b. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students.
- c. The bus driver may assign seats.
- d. By State law, the aisle and emergency exits are to be kept clear at all times.
- e. Damage done to seats or to other equipment will be paid for by the person(s) causing the damage.
- f. All conversation is to be free from vulgarity and never loud and boisterous.
- g. All persons are to be treated courteously at all times.
- h. Students are to remain seated until the bus stops to discharge passengers. Students who must cross the road are to do so in front of the bus after receiving a signal from the driver that it is safe.
- i. Students may leave the bus only with the driver's consent except at home and at school. If a pupil is getting off the bus somewhere other than home, the parents must provide the principal with written notice of the change. The principal will notify the bus driver in writing of the change.
- j. There should be no unnecessary conversation with the driver.
- k. Students shall help in keeping the bus clean – no throwing of paper or other items on the floor.
- l. The right of students to ride in the bus is conditioned on their behavior and the obedience of these rules.

- m. Inappropriate behavior on the bus will include but not limited to the following:
- smoking on the bus;
 - possession or use of illegal substances;
 - possession of tobacco, tobacco products, lighters or matches;
 - food, beverages, candy or chewing gum consumed on regular bus runs unless a medical necessity;
 - possession of weapons, including knives, sharp instruments or guns;
 - personal media players without headphones and as long as they are not causing a distraction;
 - animals or pets on the bus;
 - possession of pump or aerosol spray cans;
 - throwing or snatching of any items on or from the bus;
 - hitting, fighting or aggressive behavior;
 - use of laser or other types of flashing lights;
 - applying of scented products such as perfumes and colognes; and
 - hanging out of the bus.
- n. Seatbelts must be worn by all passengers if the bus is so equipped.

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