

BUS RIDER RULES

A. GENERAL:

1. Parents and pupils must realize that school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right.
2. Be informed that misbehavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Pupils who misbehave can be suspended from school and can be denied the privilege of riding on the bus.

B. PREVIOUS TO LOADING: (on the road and at the school)

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stops – help keep the bus on schedule.
2. Stay off the road while waiting for the bus. Bus riders should conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus. Line up in an orderly, single file manner. Do not rush to get on the bus.
4. Be courteous. Don't take advantage of younger children in order to get a seat on the bus.
5. If there is no sidewalk or path, it is recommended that you walk to the side of the road facing traffic to get to the bus stop.
6. Use the handrail and watch your step with boarding and exiting the bus.

C. WHILE ON THE BUS:

1. Keep hand and head inside the bus at all times.
2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
3. Remember, loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in an accident.
4. Treat bus equipment as valuable furniture in your home. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender.
5. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
6. Leave no books, packages, coats or other objects on the bus.
7. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.
8. Remain in the bus in case of road emergency, unless directed to do otherwise by the bus driver.
9. Do not throw anything out of the bus window.
10. Always be courteous to fellow pupils, bus driver, the driver's assistant and to passerby's.
11. Always remain in your seat while the bus is in motion.
12. Parents will be notified if there is continuous misconduct on the bus. Bus riders may be denied the privilege of riding.
13. Keep absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing.
14. The driver is responsible for controlling the bus riders. Riders must obey him/her promptly and cheerfully.
15. Inform the driver, if possible, when a rider will be absent.

D. AFTER LEAVING THE BUS:

1. Cross the road at least 10 feet in front of the bus, but only after checking to be sure there is no traffic approaching and/or after receiving a signal from the driver.
2. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.

E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY TRIPS:

1. The above rules and regulations will apply to any trip under school sponsorship.
2. Pupils shall respect the wishes of competent chaperones appointed by the school officials to accompany the bus riders.