

BUS RULES

The district will provide the maximum flexibility and convenience possible within the limits of safety requirements, fiscal constraints, & school hours of operations, availability of equipment, & traffic patterns & restrictions.

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Students shall follow school rules and the instructions of the school bus driver, who is in charge at all times.

Any student deemed by the driver to jeopardize the safety of riders will be appropriately disciplined according to rules and policies of the District.

- Arrive at your assigned bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Live animals (other than service dogs), hazardous or destructive objects of any kind will not be allowed on the bus.
- Food and/or drink items are not allowed on the bus.
- Respect the rights and property of others on the bus and at the stop.
- Keep all parts of the body inside the bus.
- No profane language, obscene gestures, excessive, or unnecessary noise.
- Do not damage or deface any part of the bus, tamper with the radio, bus controls, emergency exits or other equipment, shoot at or throw away objects inside or outside of the bus, or in any way endanger the safety of others.
- Be courteous and respectful to the bus driver, other students and passers-by.
- Obey the request of bus driver.
- Personal electronics must be stowed away and not used on the bus at any time.

- A bus rider who must get off the bus at a stop other than the normal stop is required to notify the office in advance.

If your bus stop is Watson's Storage, please do not drop your child off and leave. Children must be under an adult's supervision while waiting for the bus.

Consequences of Bus Infractions

1. Driver verbally warns student (with the exception of moving seats or moving while the bus is in motion which is an immediate citation).
2. Citation issued.

Students may be denied bus privileges for:

- 2nd citation 3 days
- 3rd citation 5 days
- 4th citation 10 days or rest of school year

BUS SAFETY

STUDENT CONDUCT AT SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONES:

Students will stand in a line facing traffic so that they may see the bus approaching. The line will be at least 6 (six) feet back from the spot where the bus will stop. Students will not approach the bus until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver opens the bus doors.

ESCORTING STUDENTS (RED LIGHT):

If the bus travels in both directions on the same road, the pupil will remain on the bus so that he/she can exit on the correct side of the road.

When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, the driver will determine whether traffic is controlled by a traffic officer or official traffic control signal. If there is no crossing guard or control signal, the driver will ensure that the flashing red signal lights and stop signal arm, if so equipped, are activated. Then, the driver will escort all students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, grades 1 to 8 inclusive. The driver shall use an approved hand-held stop sign while escorting the students.

STUDENTS WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL BUS STOPS:

Students are instructed to go directly to and from the bus stop. Students and parents are asked to pre-plan the safest route with the fewest street crossings necessary. When walking to and from school, students are instructed to follow all pedestrian safety rules.

SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONES:

The danger zones around the outside of the school bus are approximately 10 feet from the bus, around the entire parameter of the bus, with the front, right side, and the rear being the most dangerous.

