

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Buses are provided for those students whose distance from school or whose health and safety make this service essential. THESE RULES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE. Pupils should be instructed in the following rules of APPROPRIATE BUS RIDING behaviors:

1. Pupils being transported are under authority of the bus driver.
2. The driver shall stop to load or unload passengers only at authorized bus stops.
3. Pupils may be assigned seats by the driver and must remain in their assigned seat unless the driver makes a change.
4. Pupils shall remain seated while bus is in motion, facing forward at all times, **KEEPING THEIR HANDS AND FEET TO THEMSELVES.**
5. There will be no smoking, tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, food, soft drinks, candy or gum on the school bus.
6. Pupils should converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language s prohibited.
7. Pupils shall keep the bus clean. Any student damaging property in any way shall pay for all damages.
8. Pupils shall not open or close windows without permission of the driver.
9. Pupils shall not at any time extend their hands, arms, heads, or any part of the body through bus windows.
10. The emergency door shall be opened only in cases of emergency.
11. Pupils shall be on time for the bus both morning and evening. Pupils should be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to bus departure.

Pupils who refuse to obey promptly the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations forfeit the right to ride the buses. Misbehavior on the bus will result in the following actions:

- 1st offense - warning letter sent home with student
- 2nd offense - up to 5 days suspension
- 3rd offense - 5 to 10 DAYS suspension
- 4th offense - **MORE THAN 10 DAYS SUSPENSION AND/OR THE POSSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT BEING SUSPENDED** for the remainder of the school year

Pupils who are suspended from the bus will be afforded the right to a hearing before the transportation committee.