

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board of Education requires children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

In cases when a child does not conduct himself properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the Superintendent or designee by the bus driver.

Children who become a disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal. Before a suspension from bus/vehicle riding privileges is imposed, the principal will provide a student with notice of an intended suspension and an opportunity to appear before the designee. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

Bus Rider Rules

Students must ride only their assigned bus unless approved by their building principal for riding other than their assigned bus. All students must comply with the following regulations while using, preparing to use, or immediately after the use of any transportation provided by the Mentor Schools:

1. Pupils shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Pupils must wait in a location clear of traffic and away from the bus stops.
3. Behavior at school bus stop must not threaten life, limb, or property of any individual.
4. Pupils must go directly to an available or assigned seat so the bus may safely resume motion.
5. Pupils must remain seated, keeping aisles and exits clear.
6. Pupils must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly. When any school bus is stopped for any railroad crossing, all passengers must be silent until the crossing is completed.
7. Pupils must refrain from eating and drinking on the bus except as required for medical reasons. (This includes pop, candy, gum, etc.)
8. Pupils must not use profane language.
9. Pupils must not use tobacco on the bus.
10. Pupils must not have alcohol or drugs in their possession on the bus except for prescription medication required for a student.

11. Pupils must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
12. Pupils may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps. Animals, firearms, ammunition, weapons, explosives or other dangerous materials or objects are prohibited on school buses.
13. Pupils must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise.
14. Pupils must not put head or arms out of the bus windows.
15. Students must wait for driver's signal before crossing in front of the bus. Students shall cross ten feet in front of bus and be alert for oncoming vehicles.
16. Students who fail to properly identify themselves, when requested, shall be considered for suspension from all bus service from school.

This Policy shall be posted in a central location in each building of the District and made available to students upon request.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3327.014

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