

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Like the school bus driver, the student has responsibilities with regard to his/her behavior during the transportation process. Since poor student behavior on the school bus can be distracting to the driver and contribute to crashes, it is important to establish clear rules for the student to follow and for each student to follow them. All students and parents need to know and understand the rules, and that these rules were established for the safety of the students who ride the bus. Further, students and parents must also understand the consequences of unacceptable behavior. Often, your school administration will prepare lists of rules and regulations covering student behavior and distribute them to students and parents. The parents' active cooperation is also helpful. Therefore, students should:

1. Know the rules and understand and accept responsibility for their actions.
2. Be respectful of the rights of other students.
3. Be on time at bus stop locations at home and at school. They should leave home in time to reach the bus stop five (5) minutes before scheduled pickup and avoid playing when waiting for a bus, especially right next to the roadway. Present clear safety procedures for walking on the highway or crossing roadways.
4. Be aware of the dangers involved in the loading and unloading zones, including the dangers involved with loose clothing, clothing accessories and personal items that can drop under the bus.
5. Enter and leave the bus at school loading and unloading zones and at bus stops in an orderly fashion, and follow instructions. They must be careful about their own safety and the safety of others. They must move without haste, crowding or pushing.
6. Upon entering the bus, go directly to their seats, and remain seated until instructed to stand and unload.
7. Keep the aisle clear at all times. Books, lunch boxes, instruments and book bags must be placed under the seat or held on the student's lap. **DO NOT BLOCK THE AISLE!**
8. Refrain from loud conversation, unnecessary noise and boisterous conduct.
9. Use appropriate language (e.g., no profanity permitted).
10. Never bring tobacco, glass containers, weapons, drugs, alcohol, or any other items that could distract the driver on the bus.
11. Keep all body parts and other objects inside the school bus. The driver will tell students when they may open and close windows.
12. Never tamper with or block emergency exits.
13. Keep hands and feet off other children and their possessions. Throwing materials, hitting, pushing, spitting, biting, tripping and rough behavior will not be tolerated.
14. Never tamper with or destroy the school bus. Students can be prosecuted for doing so.
15. Remain silent while the school bus is stopped at railroad crossings.
16. Be aware that transportation can be ultimately denied to students who act inappropriately.
17. Keep the school bus clean. Do not leave trash behind.