

## **Bus Rules**

The right of all pupils to ride a school bus is dependent upon their good behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations. The school has no obligation to transport any pupil who cannot or will not behave on a school bus. Students should obey, and bus drivers are asked to enforce the following safety rules and regulations.

1. All students must remain in their seats keeping their feet on the floor and their hands to themselves at all times while the bus is in motion.
2. Windows can be raised or lowered to the line only if the driver has granted permission.
3. Students should refrain from marking, defacing, or in any way damaging school buses on the inside or outside. Any such damage will be paid for by the students responsible.
4. Students must get on and off the bus without shoving or pushing.
5. Students must refrain from unnecessary conversation with the bus driver. Conversation between students must be in a normal tone of voice. No shouting, screaming, or use of profanity.
6. The school bus driver has the authority to assign seats on the bus if he or she considers it necessary.
7. The driver has the authority and responsibility to maintain proper conduct on the bus.
8. The driver is in absolute command of the bus at all times and shall use good judgment in issuing any orders. Students are expected to give him or her prompt obedience. The safety and welfare of all students on the bus depends upon this.
9. Students are not to eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus.
10. When school is dismissed, buses will leave for home promptly. Bus drivers cannot wait for tardy students. Students not riding the bus must not touch the bus when it moves nor in any other way interfere with the loading or unloading of buses.
11. Once a student has boarded the bus for home he or she will not be allowed to leave the bus to go back into the building for something he or she forgot.
12. State law prohibits the transporting of live animals, reptiles, and insects on a school bus.
13. State law demands absolute silence at all railroad crossings.
14. Students should be at the bus stop and ready to enter the bus when it arrives. The bus driver should not wait for students unless weather is inclement. If the driver is required to wait for tardy students, it would be unfair to other students, prolong the duration of the trip, and possibly contribute to unsafe practices.
15. Students who live on the left side of the road should always cross 10 or 15 feet in front of the bus when leaving the bus in the afternoon. The student is to proceed to a point 10 feet in front of the bus on the right shoulder of the highway and remain there until a signal is given by the bus driver to cross.
16. When students must cross the road to be picked up in the morning, the driver, after looking for approaching cars, beckons them to cross. Your child should be trained to await the proper signal and cross promptly. They should be trained to wait completely back off the street or road.
17. Certain band instruments and large carrying cases are difficult to transport on a full bus. Students need to hold them in their seats so that aisles are not blocked. It may be necessary for parents to bring these large cumbersome objects to school rather than try to have the student bring them on the bus.
18. Students may ride only on their assigned bus. Occasionally, one or two students will wish to go home to another student's house for a party, meeting or overnight. If our buses are scheduled to capacity load, then permission will need to be granted by the principal. State law forbids us to overload a school bus. A note at least one day in advance must be given to the principal to make this decision.