

**Students**  
**Bus Rules and Regulations**

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Safety and efficient operation of the bus calls for the cooperation of all parents in the enforcement of the following regulations:

1. The bus driver is at all times, while pupils are being transported, in full charge of the bus and of all pupils riding therein.
2. The bus driver is empowered to enforce all rules.
3. Pupils must take a seat as soon as they enter the bus and remain in it until the bus has reached its designated stop.
4. The behavior of the children on the bus should be substantially the same as that in the classroom. Reasonable conversation is permitted.
5. Yelling or indecent language is absolutely forbidden.
6. Fighting or shoving is also absolutely forbidden.
7. Unnecessary conversation with the bus driver is to be discouraged.
8. Pupils must not throw waste paper or uneaten school lunches, etc. on the floor of the bus.
9. Pupils must assist the drivers in every way possible to keep buses clean.
10. On entering or leaving the bus all children are to proceed in an orderly fashion. Crowding or tripping is not permitted.
11. Pupils are not permitted to leave the bus without permission from the bus driver, except at the school or home stop.
12. Pupils must assist the drivers to keep the schedule by being on time at their stops.
13. Pupils must not stand or play on the traveled part of the highways while waiting for the bus.
14. After being discharged from the bus, pupils will cross the road in front of the bus while the traffic is stopped in both directions. The bus driver will keep his red lights flashing and not start the bus until pupils are safely across the road and off the highway.
15. Pupils must not at any time extend head or arms out of an opened window.
16. Pupils are not to mar or deface the inside or outside of the buses.
17. Pupils will keep away from buses on which they do not ride.
18. Pupils who violate No.16 above shall be liable for the damage.
19. Pupils who wish to ride a bus other than the one to which they are assigned must have a written note from home giving the reason(s). This applies also to non-bus students who wish to use the bus.

**Penalties for Violations of the Bus Regulations Above**

1. The driver is required to report the violation to the principal the same day of the offense if possible.
2. Principal shall notify the parent in writing of the violation(s), and a notification will be given to the school board.
3. Any child who continues to misbehave will not be allowed to ride on the bus. It will be up to the parents to get the child to school. This arrangement will hold until the parent can assure good behavior on the part of the pupil.

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