

# Ridership Rules and Expectations

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Student safety is always our primary concern. Therefore, behavior expectations of the students riding the school bus are comparable to that which is required in the classroom. The bus driver carries the responsibility of ensuring students a safe ride and is authorized to enforce the ridership rules. Please read the following rules and procedures with your child to help ensure the safety of everyone riding the bus. Each pupil who rides a bus will be expected to behave in a manner which will make the ride safe and pleasant for passengers and driver and keep the bus on schedule.

Students will be able to choose their seat/seatmate at the beginning of the school year, and within the first two weeks of school **a seating chart will be implemented**. The school administrator or bus driver has the authority to re-assign riders to designated seats.

The School District approves the use of video/audio recording on school buses for the purpose of reducing disciplinary problems and vandalism, thereby allowing the driver to focus primarily on driving the bus.

## **The school bus rider will:**

1. Ride only on assigned routes and utilize only assigned stop locations.
2. Be expected to promptly obey the driver. Refusal to obey the driver shall be sufficient reason for being denied transportation services.
3. Be seated promptly and remain seated while the bus is in motion. Students may be required to sit three to a seat.
4. Conform to the same standards of cleanliness on the bus as expected of them at school. Students may not litter or spit on the bus. Damage done to the seats or other bus equipment by the rider must be paid for by the rider or his/her parents or guardian.
5. Not extend head, limbs, and other objects out of the window or into the aisle.
6. Not throw items in or out of the bus.
7. Not use profane or indecent language on the bus.
8. Not eat, drink or smoke on the bus. Tobacco related products are not allowed.
9. Talk quietly with fellow riders. Yelling, screaming and indecent language will not be tolerated.
10. Not run, push, or shove on the bus or at the loading site
11. Not transport roller blades, skateboards, or scooters on buses. Students will be allowed to bring a maximum of one backpack, or similar-sized container on the bus as he or she rides the bus to and from school. Students who also need to transport musical instruments may do so.
12. Not bring animals, firearms, explosives, flammable materials, slingshots, knives or other sharp objects on the bus.

Remember, riding the bus is a privilege, **not** a right.