

The following rules are intended to provide a safe experience for all students that ride our district's school buses.

Policy #2216 - Transportation – Conduct on Buses

- A. The conduct of pupils being transported regularly, or to and from activities sponsored by the school, shall be the same as required while in attendance at school; all district policies for student behavior are applicable. Drivers are school officials and may take such measures as seem advisable to assure proper conduct including temporary suspension and permanent expulsion (as approved by the principal up to the length of the school year) from bus privileges.
- B. Pupils must be on time. Students should be at their bus stop 3-5 minutes before the bus arrives. The bus will NOT wait for pupils who are tardy.
- C. No pupil will be permitted to load the bus or be unloaded from the bus except at the stop to which he/she is regularly assigned, except upon written request by the parent or guardian to the bus driver and approval by the principal.
- D. Pupils are never to stand in roadways while waiting for the bus. When loading or unloading from the bus and having to cross the roadway, the student must cross in front of the bus. While crossing the roadway to load or after unloading from a bus the student must do so with the aid of the flashing red signals activated by the driver.
- E. There shall be NO shouting, whistling, pushing, scuffling, or unnecessary conversation with the driver. The use of alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, obscene or profane language is also prohibited. Pupils may not take firearms, blowguns, knives, water pistols, flippers, lighters, or any flammable material, or any other item that through its use may damage the bus, inflict injury on another person, or cause unnecessary disturbance. No pupil shall willfully attack or otherwise molest another student on the bus. Harassment will NOT be tolerated. No object or item shall be thrown from the bus.
- F. All pupils must be seated while the bus is in motion. Passengers may not arise from their seats to exit before the bus is stopped; nor may they load or unload while the bus is in motion. Passengers must not extend their arms, heads or other parts of the body out of the windows of the bus.
- G. Pupils must NOT use the rear emergency door, except as directed by the driver.
- H. Any willful or negligent damage to the bus by any pupil must be paid for by the pupil or the pupil's parents/guardians. Students causing unnecessary litter will be responsible to clean up such litter.
- I. No food or drink may be consumed on the bus without permission of the bus driver.
- J. Bus drivers are under obligation to follow policies, procedures, and regulations of the board.
- K. The radio and audible music on the bus are privileges controlled by the bus driver. When either is allowed it must (a) not contain profane or vulgar language and/or lyrics, and (b) not be played at volumes distracting to the driver or other students.