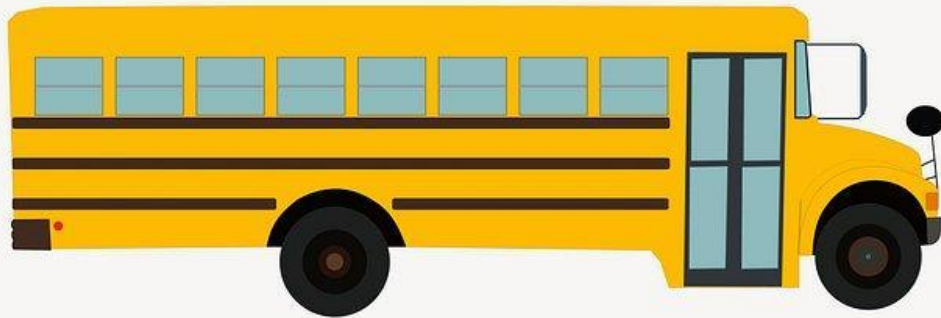


Student Transportation Safety Policy Student Handbook



Riding the bus...
“A privilege, not a right.”

Riding the school bus is a privilege - not a right. If rules are not followed, you will be suspended from riding the bus.

Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions, or events. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the bus or at the bus stop. (All students will probably ride a bus at some point in their school years: route, sports, music, field trips.)

RULES at the Bus Stop (at home or at school)

1. Be on time.
2. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
3. Use appropriate language.
4. Stay away from the street, road, or highway when waiting for the bus. Wait until the bus stops before walking to the bus. (No running in case of slipping.)
5. Move away from the bus after getting off. Never, ever go back to the bus once you've gotten off. If something gets dropped - go ask someone for help - DO NOT go back to the bus to try to pick it up.
6. Always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Wait for the driver to signal when to cross the street. ("Can you see me?")
7. No fighting or bullying. PLEASE, if there is a problem on the bus, contact us so we are aware of it. We can't help if we don't know what's going on.
8. No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
9. Never push or shove. Someone could fall in front of the bus.
10. Do not cross in between the buses - go to the sidewalk corners to cross. Do not cross in the cul-de-sac.

RULES on the Bus Stop

1. Listen to the driver. Do what the driver says right away.
2. Use the handrail getting on and off.
3. Sit in your seat. Face forward. No standing or walking when the bus is in motion.
4. Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
5. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
6. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
7. No fighting or bullying.
8. Do not throw anything.
9. No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
10. Do not bring any weapons or dangerous objects on the school bus. (Including lighters.)
11. Do not damage the school bus. If you have intentionally damaged the bus, you will be responsible to repair it.
12. Wear seat belts if the school vehicle has them.
13. Be kind and helpful.
14. Wear appropriate clothing for different weather conditions.

DANGER ZONES

The danger zone is 10 feet all the way around a school bus. School bus drivers and other motorists cannot see you when you are in the Danger Zone.

EVACUATIONS

All students will:

1. Know where the emergency equipment is.
2. Know all emergency exits on the bus.
3. Practice an emergency exit out the back doors.

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for school bus misconduct will be imposed by the principal or transportation supervisor.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- If you know your child will not be riding the bus in the morning, please call the driver to let them know. If your child is ill in the morning, please call the school: 218-843-3682 and push "0" for the office secretary. She is there by 7:00 a.m. and will radio the driver about not stopping at your place. The driver cannot send or receive text messages and is discouraged to use their cell phone on the bus.
- If you are having a birthday party and want the guests to ride home on the bus with your child, please give me a call to make sure we have room on the bus for them.
- If your child wants to have a friend over after school and will ride the bus home with him/her, please let me know and have a note for the driver saying it's ok. We do not want any lost children!
- The back parking lot is not a through street. It is for staff parking and students cross back there to get to the arena. Please do not drive in this area.
- Please - NO NOT drive, park, drop-off, pick-up in the cul-de-sac. This area is for school vehicles only! Students are not expecting other vehicles in this area and it would make it very difficult for the buses to get around if there are other vehicles parked there.
- Thank you so much for attending to these safety guidelines! Your children are our most precious cargo and we want them to have a safe and pleasant experience on the bus!

Thank you for being a Safety Super Star!