

SCHOOL BUS RULES OF CONDUCT

Safety First

The primary purpose of these rules is to ensure the safety of every student on the bus. Students and parents must understand that the lives and well-being of all passengers depend on responsible conduct and strict observance of these rules.

Bus Transportation ID Cards

All students who are eligible and registered to ride a school bus will be issued a Transportation ID card. This card must be presented and scanned when boarding and exiting the bus. Students who do not have their card will still be allowed to ride; however, they may be subject to disciplinary action. Replacement cards are available for a \$10.00 fee.

Video & Audio Surveillance

All school buses are equipped with video and audio surveillance systems. These systems are in place to support student safety, promote positive behavior, and assist in the investigation of any incidents.

Pre-K Student Transportation

- All Pre-K students who qualify for transportation are required to be secured in a 5-point safety harness.
- Parents or guardians are required to be at the bus stop to receive all Pre-K students each afternoon. If a parent or guardian is not present, the student will be taken back to the school at the completion of the route.

General Conduct

- Students must not engage in any behavior that endangers the safety of the bus or its passengers. This includes horseplay, yelling, loud or disruptive behavior, or the use of inappropriate language.
- Eating, drinking, chewing gum, or using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs is strictly prohibited on the bus.
- Students must respect the driver, other passengers, and all personal and school property.

Electronics and Devices

- Personal music devices may be used only with headphones/earbuds, and students must be able to hear and follow the driver's instructions (e.g., one earbud in).
- Cell phone use is permitted only if it is not a distraction to the driver. Failure to follow directions may result in the device being put away or temporarily confiscated.
- Speakers, including Bluetooth devices or any item that plays music/sound aloud, are not permitted.

Prohibited Items

Students may not bring onto the bus:

- Animals
- Glass containers
- Large instruments
- Radios or speakers
- Weapons
- Skateboards, rollerblades, or cleats/spikes
- Drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- Any other item that could interfere with passenger safety

Passenger Safety

- Students must remain seated, facing forward, and keep hands, arms, and belongings to themselves.

- All body parts must remain inside the bus; nothing may be thrown inside or out of the bus.
- Windows may only be opened with the driver's permission.
- Assigned seats must be used as directed by the driver.
- If equipped, lap/shoulder belts must be worn at all times.

Boarding and Exiting

- Students must be at their assigned bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled departure time. Buses cannot wait for tardy students.
- Students must remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and the door is fully open before exiting.
- Exiting should be done in an orderly manner.
- Students crossing the street must follow the driver's instructions, never cross behind the bus, and wait until the bus has safely departed before crossing.

Bus Stop Conduct

- Behavior at bus stops must be orderly and respectful of surrounding property.
- Students may only board or exit at their assigned stop unless a written note from a parent/guardian, approved by the school office, is provided to the driver.

Damages and Responsibility

- Students who damage school property or the property of others will be held financially responsible.

Communication with Drivers

For safety reasons, parents/guardians who wish to speak with the driver must contact the school directly.

Boarding the bus to speak with the driver or a student is strictly prohibited.

SAFETY: OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The Lyon County School District is committed to safely transporting students to and from school while minimizing ride times and delays. By following these rules, students, parents, and staff work together to keep school transportation safe and efficient.