Franklin Area School District
School Bus Rules and Guidelines

Throughout the year, parents and students are encouraged to review these rules of conduct. Students should be reminded that breaking one or more these rules could result in suspension of bus riding privileges. In order to maintain a safe bus environment, all students are asked to comply with the following rules:

1. Prior to Loading
    - Be early at the designated bus stop, arrive five to ten (5-10) minutes **before** the bus is due. Do not wait on your porch until the bus has arrived.
    - Always wait in a safe place, off the highway, on the side of street. If you must cross the street to enter the bus, only do so when the bus stopped and the red flashing lights are on.
    - Respect the property rights of people who reside at or near the bus stop.
    - Do not get into private vehicles with strangers, All FASD busses are clearly marked with the designation "Franklin Area Schools".
    - Enter the bus in an orderly manner and take your seat. Bus drivers are asked to assign seats and you are expected to sit in the seat assigned to you.
    - Students may board only their assigned bus at their assigned bus stop.

2. While on the bus:
    - Observe regular classroom conduct and follow the driver's instructions.
    - Remain in your assigned seat at all times. Do not change seats at bus stops.
    - Keep your hands, head, and feet inside the bus at all times.
    - Loud talking, laughter, and other similar conduct can divert the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
    - Do not damage or tamper with any parts of the bus. In addition to disciplinary actions, you will be responsible for the cost of associated repairs.
    - Keep the aisle clear, except when entering or exiting.
    - Do not throw anything out the window.
    - Eating and drinking are not permitted.
    - Be courteous to fellow students and the bus driver.
    - Backpacks and other items should be kept on your lap or on the seat.
    - The following items are not permitted: live animals, weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, flammable liquids, fireworks, firecrackers, smoke bombs, balls and any similar items

3. After Leaving the bus:
    - When necessary, cross the road **at least** ten (10) feet in front of the bus, only after looking to make sure all traffic is stopped.
    - Be alert to the danger signal from the bus driver.
    - Go directly to your school building in the morning, or directly home in the afternoon.
    - Students must depart bus at their assigned stop unless a bus pass has been issued from the office.

Please direct any questions to the Transportation Department by phone at 814-432-2121, ext. 1101 (last revision 4/25/25)