

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT 509-349-1872 NO. 146-161, 101 W. BECK WAY, WARDEN, WASHINGTON 98857-9401

To: Parents of Students Riding a School Bus

From: Transportation Department

- 1. The attached rules and bussing information are being delivered to you for your information and compliance. *One per family.*
- 2. These rules originated with the State Superintendent of Public Transportation and are designed to provide the safest and most pleasant transportation possible for all students.

Please keep the attached Student Conduct and Information for your reference.

Parent Name (print)	Parent Signature		Date
Address			Phone Number
Students Name:	Grade	Special Accommodation	s:
		OSpecial Needs:OPre School:OOther/Specify:	BUS#
		OSpecial Needs: OPre School: Other/Specify:	
Office Notes:	Drive	r Notes:	BUS #



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KEEP STUDENT CONDUCT RULES AT HOME

**If your child/ren will not be riding a bus in the am please call the Transportation Office as soon as possible so that we can notify the bus driver and adjust the route accordingly. Please do not call or text the bus drivers directly...cell phone use while driving is a distraction to your child's

safety **Transportation direct line 349-1872

Student Conduct on Buses

Any misconduct by a student, which in the opinion of the bus driver or bus supervisor, is detrimental to the safe operation of the bus, shall be sufficient cause for the principal to suspend the transportation privilege.

Rules of conduct for students riding buses:

- Students shall obey the driver and any aide assigned to the bus by the district. The driver is in full
 charge of the bus and passengers and shall be obeyed. If an aide is assigned to the bus by the
 district, he/she shall be responsible for the safe operation of the bus. When transporting classes
 or teams, the teacher or coach shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students.
 Students shall obey both the driver and the teacher, coach or other staff member.
- 2. Students shall ride only on their assigned bus unless written permission to do otherwise has been received by school officials.
- 3. Students shall not be permitted to leave the bus except at their regular stop unless written permission to do otherwise is received by school officials.
- 4. Student's assigned seats shall use only that seat unless permission to change is authorized by the driver.
- 5. Students shall observe rules of classroom conduct while riding the buses. Noise shall be kept down to avoid distracting the driver. Students shall refrain from the use of obscene language or gestures.
- 6. Students shall not smoke or ignite lighters or matches on buses.
- 7. Students shall not eat on buses, except when specifically authorized and supervised by and accompanying teacher, coach or other staff member. Buses shall be kept clean.
- 8. Students shall not open bus windows without the driver's permission.
- 9. Students shall not extend any part of their body out of bus windows at any time.

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- 10. Students shall not carry or have in their possession items that can cause injury to passengers on the bus. Such items include, but are not limited to, sticks, breakable containers, weapons or firearms, straps or pins protruding from clothing, large, bulky items which cannot be held or placed between legs, etc. Books and personal belongings shall be kept out of aisles.
- 11. Students shall not have animals on buses, except a dog providing assistance to a disabled student.
- 12. Students shall not sit in the driver's seat or to the immediate right or left of the driver.
- 13. Students shall refrain from talking to the driver unless necessary.
- 14. Students shall go directly to a seat once inside the bus and remain seated at all times unless the driver instructs otherwise.
- 15. Students shall get on/off the bus in an orderly manner and shall obey the instructions of the driver or school safety patrolmen on duty. There shall be no pushing and shoving when boarding or leaving the bus. Once off the bus, students shall adhere to rules for pedestrians.
- 16. Students shall never cross the roadway behind a bus unless they use pedestrian crosswalks or traffic lights.
- 17. Students shall stand away from the roadway curb when any bus in approaching or leaving a stop.
- 18. Students going to and from their bus stops where there are no sidewalks shall walk on the left-hand side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic. Students shall go directly to their home after leaving the bus.
- 19. Students shall use seat belts on buses when available.
- 20. Students shall follow emergency exit drill procedures as prescribed by the driver.
- 21. Students shall not tamper with emergency doors or equipment.
- 22. Parents of students identified as causing damage to buses shall be charged with the cost of the incurred damage. Students causing the damage may be suspended from transportation.
- 23. Student misconduct may constitute sufficient reason for suspending transportation privileges.