

Families and Guardians,

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a system that many of the buildings in our district use to create a positive, predictable, and safe environment. It is a way to define and teach positive social expectations in different settings within the school day.

Discovery & Hedden use AIM:

Always be respectful, I solve my own problems, Make responsible choices

Fife Elementary uses RISE:

Responsible, Inclusive, Safe, Empathetic

SLMS and CJH use PRIDE:

Prepared, Respectful, Inclusive, Determined, Engaged



A team of district staff will review bus expectations and update them using the PBIS framework.

Transportation has the **3B's: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible.**

Schools will introduce the 3B's to our bus riders upon returning to school.

Fife Public Schools Bus Expectations

If you are...	Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
Waiting for the Bus	Wait and look for the driver's signal Cross in front of the bus Be alert and aware	Be considerate of others and their property Line up calmly	Arrive early at your bus stop (5 min) Have a note from school to ride home with a friend
Entering the Bus	Use handrail Be careful and mindful of your surroundings (backpack) Be seated quickly Be ready to share the seat (slide over)	Greet the bus driver Use a quiet voice, level of 1	Put belongings on your lap (including instruments)
Riding the Bus	Stay seated in your assigned seat Face forward Keep aisle clear Be alert and aware Listen for important directions Keep objects and your body inside the bus	Follow the driver's directions promptly Use kind language Quiet voice level 1 to talk to those in your seat Keep hands, feet, body, and objects to yourself	Keep ALL belongings in your backpack (food and drink) Be helpful to others Raise your hand and wait for driver's attention (lower window) Devices and/or Cell phones are silent, use headphones when listening to music, watching videos or playing games
Exiting the Bus	Stay seated until the door opens Use handrails Only get off at your stop Wait for the driver's signal Cross in front of the bus Be aware of your surroundings	Be helpful to neighbors Walk calmly and safely off the bus	Be ready to exit Take belongings with you Clean up after yourself and use the trash can Report unsafe behavior Know your stop and your way home

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[Link to Discipline steps below.](#)

Other information:

PLAN AHEAD: Find an alternative way to get items to school or home:

- Balloons or baked goods
- Glass containers
- Animals, bugs, fish of any kind
- Skateboard, scooters
- Athletic gear (soccer, basketballs)
- Instruments that are unable to fit in your lap

PROHIBITED on the bus:

- Vaping, drugs, alcohol, medications, tobacco
- Weapons
- Aerosol cans
- Perfume/cologne/hairspray
- Using cell phones to take pictures or videos while on the bus.

Note: Devices are silent, use headphones or earbuds.

Note: Bus riders will be assigned seats.

Discipline and conduct referrals:

To ensure the safety of all students, Fife Transportation has established guidelines for student behavior. All incidents will be treated on a case by case basis.

Here is the link to the PBIS Discipline Matrix for your review: [PBIS Fife School District Bus Discipline Matrix](#)

Note: bus rider accounts will be charged up to 300\$ per seat replacement or other equipment damage.

How you can help at home:

Have a conversation with your child about the expectations for the bus. Discuss how these expectations help everyone have a safe and positive ride to school and home.

If you have any questions please reach out to our transportation department or your student's school administrator.

Thank you for your support in creating a safe and positive bus ride!

Transportation Director Catharine Bowman and the Transportation Team

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Discovery Primary: 253-517-1200

Fife Elementary: 253-517-1400

Hedden Elementary: 253-517-1500

Surprise Lake Middle School: 253-517-1300

Columbia Junior High School: 253-517-1600

Fife High School: 253-517-1100

