

School Bus Rules and Regulations - 2020-2021

School buses are extensions of regular school facilities and students are expected to conduct themselves on the buses as they do when they are in the school building. School bus drivers have the same authority as the classroom teachers to enforce the rules and regulations in accordance with state law, (O.A.C. 3301-83-08).

Parents/Guardians are responsible for their child's behavior before boarding the bus in the morning (this includes the area where the children gather to wait for the bus) and after the students disembark from the bus at the end of the school day. Riding the bus is a privilege and the student's behavior is a matter of safety and involves the lives of others. Bus drivers should not be distracted from their task of driving, due to inappropriate behavior. **Please read then discuss the following transportation rules with your child and sign the attached form. Return the signed portion to the bus driver and retain the top section for future reference.**

- The bus driver is the sole responsible authority on the bus. Student should not be discourteous to the driver.
- Students will board and depart only at assigned stops. Only authorized students may ride the school buses.
- Students must be at their assigned **stops 5 minutes before the bus arrives. The bus does not stop if there is not a student waiting at the bus stop.**
- Students will remain at their assigned "designated place of safety" when the bus is arriving at or departing from the stop.
- The bus windows should not be opened without permission from the driver.
- Students will not put head, hands or arms out of the bus windows. Students will not throw, shoot or spit objects out, in, or at the bus.
- Transportation of animals is prohibited.
- When crossing a road, whether boarding or leaving the bus, students are to walk 10 feet in front of the bus. The driver will hand signal when it's safe to cross. Students should always watch traffic during crossing. Students should never stoop to pick up dropped items during crossing.
- Student will go directly to their assigned seat. Students will remain seated when the bus is moving and stay clear of the aisle.
- Backpacks, musical instruments, and other large items must be small enough to be held in child's lap and be handled by the student, in such a way, as to not come in contact with other students.
- Students will not use profane or indecent language or gestures.
- **Eating and drinking are prohibited.** Any drinks brought on the bus need to be in a closed container secured in a lunchbox or backpack. This rule applies to field trips and extracurricular activities. Student will not be permitted to board bus with drink carriers.
- Students will not possess or attempt to transport drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, or anything that might be considered a weapon. Possession of any illicit material will be just cause for immediate suspension from transportation and possible criminal action. Smoking, vaping, and chewing tobacco are prohibited.
- Students will not vandalize or damage the bus.
- Students will not tamper with emergency doors, safety devices or video cameras.
- Use of cell phones: All phones must be muted - unless the student has headphones. No voice communication is permitted. **Audio/video recording or photography of students or staff members is prohibited.** Earbuds may not be worn by students while boarding or exiting the bus.

SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONES

STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONES!

