

BUS ROUTE REGULATIONS

The driver is fully in charge of the bus and the students. Students shall comply promptly with his/her requests. The driver may assign seats to individuals or to the entire bus load as deemed necessary. Students shall be on time at the approved bus stop. Bus schedules will not permit waiting. Students shall wait for the bus in their own driveway. Do not cross the road until the bus has completely stopped. Students will board the bus one step at a time. Rigid standards of discipline must be maintained at all times in order to satisfy requirements. Whenever a driver must direct the attention away from the road, danger exists. Any passengers who are not assigned to ride the bus must have written parental permission approved by the Transportation Supervisor before loading.

RIDING THE BUS ON DAILY ROUTES:

Except for ordinary conversation, students shall observe quiet conduct on the bus.

Students shall keep their seats while the bus is in motion.

Students shall not eat or drink on the bus.

Students shall not throw waste paper on the floor of the bus.

No part of the body shall be extended through the bus window.

Students must be quiet while bus is stopped for a railway crossing.

Students shall not leave the bus from the emergency door unless an emergency exists.

Students shall not run or push while leaving the bus; each step that is provided is to be used.

Students that live on the opposite side of the road from the exit door shall go approximately ten feet in front of the bus before crossing to their driveway.

DAILY ROUTE DISCIPLINE/ PENALTIES:

The school bus driver has the authority and the responsibility to discipline on the school bus. The riding privilege of a student may be revoked for violation of the rules or conduct which is detrimental to the safe operation of the school bus.

Discipline & Penalties: First offense - conference with bus driver and principal and note to parents. Action taken will be in accordance with Student Conduct Regulations. Second offense - loss of riding privileges for one school week (5 days). Third offense - loss of riding privileges for up to one semester. These penalties are guidelines, and administration reserves the right to administer consequences as appropriate to the student and the situation.

RIDING ACTIVITY/FIELD TRIP BUS:

The same rules which apply for riding the bus on daily routes should apply to students on activity/field trips. Some exceptions to the daily route rules are:

The sponsor is in charge of the students.

The emergency door may be used to load and unload large equipment (i.e. band instruments, vaulting poles, etc.).

If it is necessary for a sponsor to talk to a student, the sponsor may walk to the student's seat or have the student come to the sponsor's seat. Otherwise, students are to stay seated at all times--no moving from seat to seat.

With the sponsor's approval, students may eat on the bus as long as the bus is clean and trash is disposed of appropriately when the bus returns to the school. It is the sponsor's responsibility to ensure students do not abuse the privilege of eating on the bus.

Any student who rides to an event on a school bus will also return home on the bus unless they have written or personal permission from parents to return home some other way.

No one will be picked up or unloaded at any other point other than the regular location unless it is approved in advance by the administration.