

Page Unified School District #8

Bus Safety Rules

1. Follow the driver's directions.
2. Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner and only at your designated stop. Ride only on your assigned bus. Requests for exceptions must be submitted to the principal. Approval will be based on factors such as available seats, safety, schedules, etc.
3. Be at your assigned loading area ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. If you walk to the bus stop and there are no sidewalks, walk as far from the edge of the road as possible.
4. While waiting for the bus, stay off the roadway and be alert to traffic. The edge of a busy road is no place to fight or play. Respect the property of the citizens/businesses where you wait. If you need to cross the street after getting off the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus and WAIT for the driver to signal to you. Then look both ways for traffic. Cross only when traffic is clear and walk directly across the street. Never cross behind a bus.
5. Form a line for boarding when the bus approaches. Let the bus come to a FULL STOP before moving toward the door. It is also important for the bus to be at a FULL STOP before unloading (leaving) the bus.
6. Unless otherwise instructed by the driver, go directly to the back of the bus and sit three to a seat. Remain seated at all times. Do not change seats. The bus driver may require any or all students to sit in certain seats.
7. Keep noise to a minimum and behave properly. Be considerate of others on the bus, pedestrians, motorists and driver (who are responsible for your safety). Shouting, foul language/gestures, throwing objects (in or out of the bus) or other misbehavior will not be tolerated.
8. Help take care of your bus by picking up litter and being considerate of the equipment. Place trash in the waste receptacle as you leave the bus.
9. Hold your books and other belongings on your lap. If you carry a musical instrument, keep it on your lap, between the seats, or in a vacant seat. Never block the aisle.
10. Animals, radios, skateboards, glass, food, drinks, chewing gum or potentially dangerous objects (as identified by the driver or principal) are not allowed on the bus.
11. Get permission before opening a window. All body parts and all other objects must remain inside the bus
12. In case of an emergency, remain seated until given instructions by the driver, or follow procedures discussed in bus evacuation drills.

Disciplinary Procedures

1. Riding the bus to school is a privilege, not a right. By disobeying any of the "Bus Safety Rules," students jeopardize their safety and the safety of others on the bus. Drivers will always first remind students of proper behavior. Should the situation not improve and/or become of a serious nature, the driver will issue a written "Student Bus Referral" with the student's knowledge. Videotaping may be used to document student behavior. An administrator/student advisor will then discuss the situation with the student and try to remedy the situation. When it becomes necessary the driver and/or parents/guardians will be included. Should the incident(s) warrant severe consequences such as loss of bus privileges, in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension, parents/guardians will be notified. Parents are responsible for appropriate, safe alternative transportation for suspended students. Copies of the written "Student Bus Referral" will be sent to the parent/guardian, the transportation department and the school office. Parents should encourage their children to act appropriately on the bus.
 - First write up- letter or phone call to parent. Possible in-school discipline as well.
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 - Second write up- letter or phone call to parent warning that the next violation will mean suspension of bus riding privileges. Possible in-school discipline as well
 - Third write up - suspension of bus riding privileges for 3 days.
 - Fourth write up-suspension of riding the bus for 5 days.
 - Fifth write up- suspension of bus riding privileges for the balance of the term or school year.

Note: The above actions have the right of appeal by the parents of students involved. Such appeals have the bus driver, transportation director, parents and student present in the office of the school principal or transportation department. Under no circumstances will bus riding privileges be reinstated before suspension is completed. Parents are responsible for their children's transportation to and from school. If vandalism is involved all cost accrued for repair will be the parents responsibility for reimbursement to the district.