

SCHOOL BUS RULES

Riding the school bus is a privilege – not a right. Improper behavior may result in a student being removed from riding the bus either on a temporary or permanent basis. The bus driver is in charge. Students must obey the driver. Any offense committed by a student on a district-owned or contracted bus shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. The bus is an extension of the classroom and misbehavior will not be tolerated. Students are to ride their assigned buses. Two (2) digital cameras are on every bus to record the activity that occurs throughout the bus and at the bus door.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Waiting to Board a Bus

1. **Arrive** at the bus stop five (5) minutes ahead of your scheduled time. The bus must leave at the designated time.
2. **Wait** until the bus stops.
3. **Stand** well away from the street as the bus approaches.
4. **Form** a quiet uniform line to board.
5. **Littering** or damaging property on or near the bus stop is prohibited. Keep sidewalks clear of books, clothing and other articles.
6. **Observe** all rules of conduct governing student behavior (see the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct handbook).
7. **Report** to the Principal, parent/guardian any suspicious persons or activities.
8. **Remain** with the group and do not talk to strangers or get into a stranger's car.

Riding the Bus

1. **Be seated immediately** and remain facing forward. Remain seated until the bus arrives at your stop and you receive instructions to unload.
2. **Hold** books and all personal items in your lap. Do not block the aisle.
3. **Pets and animals** of any kind are not permitted on the bus.
4. **Extending** arms, legs, or head out of the bus is prohibited.
5. **Throwing** objects on the bus or out of the window is prohibited.
6. **Refrain** from distracting or talking to the bus driver except in an emergency.
7. **Tampering** with or **damaging** bus equipment is prohibited. Student and/or parent/guardian will be held liable.
8. **Fighting, pushing, shoving or creating loud disturbances is prohibited.**
9. **Smoking**, eating, and drinking are not permitted.
10. **Place** trash in receptacle provided near front of bus.
11. **Use** of profanity or obscene gestures is prohibited.
12. **Bringing** weapons or dangerous instruments of any kind is prohibited.
13. **Be** aware that the St. Louis Metropolitan Police may stop and search any school bus at any time for illegal items. Students found with weapons, liquor, drugs, etc. will be arrested.
14. **Observe** all rules of conduct governing student behavior.

Responsibilities of Parents

1. **Read**, discuss and review this handout AND the Transportation Section of the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct handbook.
2. **Encourage** your children to observe all established guidelines.
3. **Get** to know your bus driver.
4. **Report** any related traffic hazards or abuses of any school bus observed operating carelessly to 314-389-1111.
5. **Report** all observed misconduct on school buses and at school bus stops to the Principal.
6. **Place** identification of your child where the bus driver can retrieve it, if necessary.
7. **Report** to the police any strangers observed at or near bus pick up/drop off stops.
8. **See** that children are at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
9. **Ensure** that preschool and kindergarten students are met at the afternoon bus stop by a parent/guardian or are accompanied by a responsible, designated older sibling.

Refer to the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct for more specific information