

BUS REGULATIONS

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following rules and regulations shall govern the conduct of school bus passengers:

1. Students and other school bus passengers shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good classroom behavior while waiting on and traveling on school buses.
2. The noise level on school buses must remain at a low level to enable the driver to hear emergency and train signals. Therefore, passengers must not shout, sing or otherwise cause any disturbance that may distract the driver.
3. Passengers must remain seated until the bus is stopped. Upon exiting the bus, passengers must move away from the bus. The school bus will not move until the passenger can be observed by the driver.
4. Smoking, tobacco chewing, and the consumption of food or beverages are not permitted on school buses.
5. School bus windows must remain closed unless the driver permits them to be opened. When windows are open, passengers must not throw or dangle objects from windows or extend any part of the body through a window.
6. Students must board the school bus at designated bus stops, if any, and at school bus boarding areas on school premises. Students must remain orderly until the bus comes to a complete stop and boarding permission is given by the driver.
7. Seats may be assigned at the driver's discretion. Passengers must be seated immediately. Seats may not be held for later passengers and must be shared when necessary.
8. All district rules and regulations regarding student misconduct, possession or use of alcohol and/or drugs and possession or use of weapons shall be extended to any and all persons utilizing school transportation.
9. Any passenger who defaces or vandalizes a school bus in any way shall be immediately suspended from riding school buses. The first suspension shall be for five days; the second suspension shall be for the equivalent of one semester. No suspended student shall be permitted to resume the school bus privilege until all damages for which the student was responsible are paid.
10. For misconduct other than vandalism, the student's parent/guardian and the principal shall be notified of a first occurrence. The principal shall take whatever reasonable action he/she deems necessary. For a second occurrence, bus privileges shall be withdrawn for one to five days. For a third, and subsequent offense, a student's privileges may be withdrawn for the equivalent of one semester.
11. If a student is denied transportation for any reason, the parent(s) must be notified. The bus driver shall not put a child off the bus other than at the student's regular stop without parental permission.
12. Bus evacuation drills shall be conducted on the school buses for this school district as required by the Oklahoma Transportation Laws.