

## BUS TRIPS

1. The driver of the bus or school supervisor has complete charge of the bus and pupils riding it. You must always obey the driver or the sponsor.
2. Keep hands, arms and heads inside buses at all times.
3. All damages to the bus and any other problems should be reported to the sponsor or driver as soon as possible.
4. Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
5. Do not throw articles from the bus or in the bus.
6. Refrain from scuffling on the bus.
7. On all school trips, you must return by school bus unless specific arrangements are made with parents and sponsors prior to trip.
8. Student buses to various school activities are unique attempts to promote school spirit, pride and unity. Students associated with problems related to classroom teachers, sponsors or with improper conduct will not be eligible to ride these buses.
9. The sponsor is responsible for cleaning the bus on its return to the bus lot.
10. Students Safety and Bus Rules will be applied the same as on a regular bus route.

## BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

Students have been given a set of rules to follow for safety of all passengers on the school bus. If a student breaks these rules, they will be reported to the principal's office. The student can expect the principal to follow this procedure in disciplining the student. The driver is in charge of the bus and has the authority to assign seats at anytime during the year.

**First Offense** - Warning or Discipline Action

**Second Offense** - Warning or Discipline Action

**Third Offense** - Off bus for 3 days and Discipline Action

**Fourth Offense** - Off bus for 5 days and Discipline Action

**Fifth Offense** - Off bus for 10 days and Discipline Action

**Sixth Offense** - Off bus for remainder of semester and Discipline Action

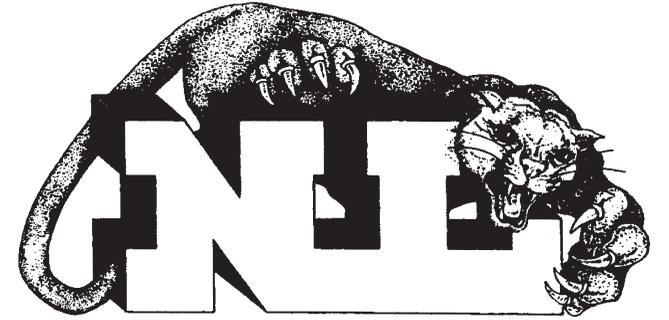
Any further occurrence will result in loss of bus privileges. The cycle will start over at each semester or on administrator's discretion. Infractions considered "severe" by administration could lead to immediate and permanent removal from the bus.

In case of serious misconduct that endangers the safety of other passengers or the driver, the student(s) may be removed from the bus by any school official or law enforcement assistance. In such an instance, the student shall not be provided bus service until a parent/principal conference is held.

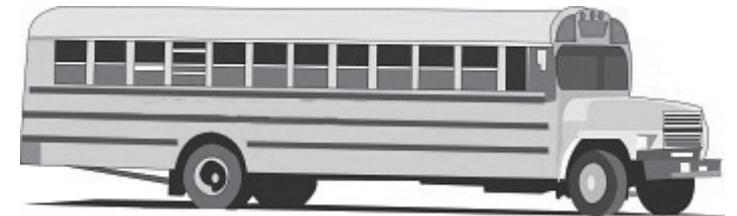
Bus rules are subject to be amended or reviewed and changed each year.

THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE DRIVER AND BACKED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

Any violation of bus rules on the last day of school, students will be subject to discipline the beginning of the fall.



# NORTH LAMAR ISD BUS TRANSPORTATION



**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**  
**(903)737-2022**

Dear Parent,

The North Lamar Independent School District provides bus transportation to and from school as a courtesy service for students residing in the District. The state of Texas prescribes the conditions governing school bus operations and funds the service by allotting the District a given amount for eligible students and hazardous students transported.

Eligible students are defined by the State statute as those residing in the District at least two miles from the school they should attend, as measured by the nearest practical route. The nearest practical route is the nearest traveled public road used by the school bus.

Hazardous students are defined by the State statute as those residing in the District under two miles from the school they should attend, as measured by the nearest practical route and who have to cross a major highway, bridge, railroad tracks or lack of sidewalks.

In order to meet the conditions outlined by the State and provide safe, prompt movement of all students, the school district has adopted standard regulations and procedures and has provided restrictive measures for violations of procedures and for violations of rules. They are herein outlined for your information and for the guidance of your child.

The District is pleased to provide transportation for all of its students and solicits your assistance in helping create a safe, healthy option. You may do so by reading the enclosed material and acknowledge receipt by completing and returning the enclosed card to the bus driver. We ask your cooperation with school personnel in developing proper behavior patterns for those pupils who ride buses.

If you should need information concerning routes or student misconduct on buses, call the Transportation Office at 903.737.2022 or 903.669.0185.

Thank you,

**North Lamar ISD Administration**

## **NORTH LAMAR ISD BUS TRANSPORTATION**

The opportunity to ride a bus to and from school is a privilege which may be withdrawn for failure to follow a bus driver's direction or any of the bus rules.

All bus students will follow the North Lamar ISD "Code of Conduct" with the following additional rules to apply to bus riders.

### **BUS RULES**

Bus conduct and safety rules shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The student shall wait for the bus by staying on the sidewalk, if there is a sidewalk, or by staying on the edge of the street if there is no sidewalk.
2. The student shall wait until the bus comes to a full stop before attempting to enter the bus.
3. The student shall sit quietly. If there is conversation, the student shall speak softly so as not to disturb the concentration of the driver.
4. The student shall sit without putting arms or legs in the aisles.
5. Upon leaving the bus, the student shall stop before walking in front of the bus and look both ways before crossing.
6. The student is NEVER to cross the road behind the bus.
7. NEVER enter or exit the school bus through the emergency door at the back of the bus.
8. After all students have been unloaded, they should move a safe distance from the unloading area and follow the procedure of crossing the road in front

of the bus or going straight home immediately.

9. Students should not vary their departure from the bus under any circumstance without permission.

**STUDENTS SHOULD GO STRAIGHT HOME**

10. Observe same conduct on the bus as in the classroom.
11. Do not smoke, dip snuff, or chew tobacco.
12. Stay seated while the bus is in motion; keep head, hands and feet inside. Stay seated until bus comes to a complete stop.
13. NEVER go between or behind school buses. Stay in front of buses at all times.
14. Band instruments will not be allowed on the bus unless the student can hold the instrument in his/her lap. No band instrument should be on the floor blocking the safe loading or unloading from the bus. **IN AN EMERGENCY, AN OBJECT ON THE FLOOR OF A BUS IS A HAZARD.**
15. A student who damages the bus (cut seats, breaks windows, etc.) will be suspended from the bus until the damage is paid in full by the student.
16. Do not eat or drink on the bus.

### **PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY**

- It is the parents responsibility to notify the bus driver in writing if a student is to get off the bus at a stop other than their assigned stop.
- Parents should constantly remind their children about safety and proper behavior on the bus.
- If you meet a bus traveling toward you, THINK, there are children somewhere down the road.