

RULES FOR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

Rules:

1. Follow directions of bus driver the first time they are given.
2. Stay in your seat. Keep aisles clear.
3. Keep your hands, feet, arms, and other objects to yourself.
4. No eating or drinking on the bus.
5. Inappropriate language, loud noises and/or lewd gestures are not allowed.

Consequences for violating rules 1-5:

1st Notice-Written Warning, 2nd Notice-Removed For 3-5 Days, 3rd Notice-Off Bus For Remaining Of School Year

Rules:

6. NO fighting with, or harassment of others
7. Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in any form is NOT allowed.
8. Possession of firearms, knives and other weapons is NOT allowed.
9. NO Public display of affection.

Consequences for violating rules 6 -9:

Bus drivers shall file conduct report on all violations of the rules to the building principal or district administrator who shall discipline students according to board of education policy. Parent/guardian will receive notification for each conduct report filed.

There are of course problems that may arise that are serious enough to forego the first two steps and go immediately to suspension. It is possible to remove the student from the bus during the trip or not to take him/her the remainder of the trip, if he/she is obviously a threat to the safety of the passengers and/or driver. If the transportation supervisor is dispatched to remove a student from the bus, then it is an automatic minimum 5 days suspension off the bus. The transportation supervisor will take the student home or have parent/guardian transport, and explain what happened on the bus. A discipline form should be filed with the transportation office by the bus driver and sent to the parents.

For Grades K-12 the following will be a guideline, but Administration reserves the right to modify consequences, taking each violation into consideration, depending upon severity & students behavior.

If any student receives 3 conduct reports they will be denied bus privileges for remainder of school year.

My child/children and I have reviewed and understand the Bus Rules for students of USD #413.

Child Signature

Child Signature

Parent Signature

Date

USD #413 also has a discipline form that is to be filled out for each violation. A copy will be sent to Building Principle, mailed to parent and the other will be kept on file in the office of the transportation department. **It is very important to fill out these forms!** It is documentation on the student's behavior and will support you as the driver for any actions taken against the student. Copy will be sent to building principal.

We urge the parents as well as students to cooperate in making this and every year an accident-free year.

1. The driver is in charge of the students and the bus. Students must obey the driver promptly and cheerfully.
2. The driver may assign a seat to each student; each student must be provided a seat. Students in less desirable seats may move to a second assigned seat for added comfort after the passenger load is lightened if permission is first obtained from the driver and if the bus is not in motion.
3. Students must be on time, the bus cannot wait for those who are tardy. Students must walk on far left side of road facing traffic when going to bus stop.
4. Students must never stand in the roadway while waiting for the bus. All students must wait for the bus off the traveled portion of the road. Students should wait in an orderly manner and never push a fellow student.
5. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited. Do not talk loudly or distract the operator's attention. Remember your safety is in his/her hands.
6. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed.
7. Students must not throw waste paper or other rubbish on the floor of the bus. Help keep your bus clean and sanitary at all times.
8. Students must not try to get on or off the bus or move about within the bus while it is in motion.
9. Students must not at any time extend arms or head out of the bus windows.
10. When leaving the bus, students must observe directions of the driver. If you cross the road, do so in front of the bus after making sure the highway is clear and driver has given the all clear signal.
11. Any damage to bus is to be reported at once to the bus driver.
12. Profane language is strictly prohibited.
13. Smoking is prohibited on the bus.
14. Fighting or scuffling is prohibited in or around a bus.
15. Only musical instruments that can be held on lap or placed under a seat will be transported on a bus.
16. No pets will be allowed on the bus.
17. No glass containers may be transported on the bus.
18. No firearms, knives and other weapons.

PENALTY: For violating these rules' students will be reported to the director of support operations, school principal, or assistant superintendent who can deny student the privilege of riding the bus.