

Student Conduct on Buses

The Superintendent shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules shall be reviewed annually by the Superintendent and revised if necessary. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

A copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses shall be provided to students at the beginning of the year. The classroom teacher and bus driver shall review the rules with the students at the beginning of each school year. A copy of the rules shall be posted in each bus and shall be available upon request at the District office and in each building principal's office.

The bus driver shall be responsible for enforcing the rules, and shall work closely with the parent and building principal to modify a student's behavior. The rules shall include consistent consequences for student misbehavior.

Recommendations for permanent termination of bus privileges will be referred to the Superintendent for final determination. The termination may be appealed to the Board. No further appeal shall be allowed.

A recommendation to terminate bus privileges shall be accompanied by a written record of the incident(s) that led to the recommendation. Said written record shall be provided to the parent/guardian of the student whose bus privileges are being revoked.

Proper conduct by students contributes greatly to the safety of this district's transportation program. Therefore, the following rules of student conduct must be observed:

These are the Minimum Rules as stated by the State of Idaho, Department of Education, Student Transportation Manual 2006, page A-5

1. Students must obey the bus driver's directions promptly and courteously.
2. Students must avoid loud talking or unnecessary confusion. Absolute silence is demanded when the driver stops the bus at a railroad crossing.
3. Students must keep hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times. Windows may not be opened more than half way.
4. Students must be on time to board the bus. It is recommended students arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus. Student shall wait in an orderly line and avoid horseplay.
5. Students approaching bus stops, stay well off the road way when waiting for the bus, and respect the property at the bus stop.
6. Students must not try to board the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the door is opened and upon direction of the driver.

7. Students must remain seated while on board. Student shall go directly to an available or assigned seat when entering the bus.
8. Student shall exhibit appropriate classroom behavior at all times.
9. If it is necessary for a student to cross the road after leaving the bus, he or she must wait fifteen (15) feet in front of the bus until the “all clear” signal, and then carefully cross in front of the bus.
10. Students must board and leave the bus at their establish stop, except when they have a request signed by their parent or guardian to do otherwise.
11. When assigned to a bus a student must continue to ride that bus unless reassigned by the respective school principal or director of transportation.
12. Students must strive to keep the bus clean and neat. No materials are to be thrown from the bus.
13. Eating or drinking is not allowed on a school bus.
14. Student shall refrain from the use of profane language, obscene gestures, tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance on the bus.
15. No items are to be stored in the aisle. Any large items carried on the bus must be held on the student’s laps. Items such as large musical instruments, shop projects, etc., will not be transported with students on the bus. Student shall not carry hazardous materials, nuisance items or potentially disruptive animals on the bus.
16. Student shall respect the rights and safety of others.
17. Student shall refrain from hitching rides via the rear bumper or other parts of the bus.
18. Student shall refrain from using cell phones while on the bus.
19. Student shall remain clothed at all times while on the bus.
20. A bus driver has the same status and authority as a teacher insofar as discipline is concerned.

The bus driver will first endeavor to convey to the student the seriousness of the violation of any of the rules of student conduct. Upon continued violation, the driver will refer the student to the principal or designee of his or her respective school, who will work with the director of transportation to improve the student’s behavior. The principal or designee will seek to impress upon the student the need for improvement in bus conduct. The principal or designee, consulting with the district supervisor of transportation will suspend the student’s bus transportation privileges as follows:

First suspension – three (3) school days;

Second suspension – five (5) school days; and

Third suspension – transportation privileges may be permanently revoked.

Suspension of bus transportation privileges for students with disabilities as defined by Public Law 94-142, subsequent amendments, and Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, will follow federal guidelines and the provisions of this policy.

Any vandalism or destruction of school bus property will result in payment for damages and may result in automatic forfeiture of all school bus privileges for one (1) calendar year (365 days from date of occurrence).

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Student Discipline
Transportation of Students with Disabilities

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I.C. § 33-205

Transportation authorized
Denial of school attendance

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