SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. Follow the driver’s instructions.
2. Treat all people with respect.
3. Stay seated; do not move from one seat to another. Do not block the aisle. Share the bus seat with others.
4. Keep head, arms, hands inside the bus. Windows can only be opened half-way.
5. Talk quietly. No teasing, harassing, profanity, fighting or horseplay.
6. Do not throw any objects inside the bus or out of the bus. No spitting.
7. No weapons, dangerous objects, animals, insects, or pets on the bus.
8. No eating or drinking on the bus.
9. No tobacco, drugs, lighters, matches or aerosols on the bus.
10. Do not damage the bus. Do not tamper with emergency exit devices.

School bus drivers may assign students to a specific seat to prevent misconduct. Remember that the school bus is an extension of the classroom. District behavior and discipline policies apply to the school bus just as they do in the classroom. Riding the school bus is a privilege and a student’s eligibility to ride the bus may be revoked for violation of the school’s safety or conduct policies.

BRINGING LARGE ITEMS ON THE BUS

Items carried on the bus by students should be able to fit on the student’s lap or on the floor under the seat in front of the student. The dimensions of the area under the seat are approximately 34” wide, 14” deep, and 10” high. Items can not be placed where they will block the aisle. Please try to make other arrangements if your child needs to transport a valuable or fragile item such as a large school project or expensive musical instrument. No skis, snowboards, or skateboards.

We discourage wheeled backpacks as they are often difficult for children to lift up the bus steps and these backpacks are too wide to be wheeled down the aisle of the bus.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Share expectations with your child about courteous and respectful behavior. Review the school bus rules with your child. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse. Students violating bus rules may forfeit bus riding privileges.

Help your child learn their bus numbers.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their child arrives/departs safely at the bus stop. If necessary, accompany your child to the bus stop and meet their bus at the end of the day.

Adults other than bus company or district staff are not allowed on route buses.

Provide the bus company and your child’s school with current day-care information before the beginning of each school year. Day to day consistency reduces confusion for students at the end of the day.

KEEPPING YOUR CHILD SAFE

AT THE BUS STOP & WHILE RIDING THE BUS

- Be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled stop. If a student misses the bus, it is dangerous to run down the street after the bus.
- While at the bus stop, respect people’s property. Do not trample their lawns, flowers, or shrubs.
- Get on the bus in single file without pushing and shoving. Take one step at a time and use the handrail.
- Students who need to cross the street to board the bus should wait for a signal from the bus driver and watch for vehicles that might violate the stop arm.
- Students should be seated quickly and stay seated.

LOST & FOUND

Please call Benjamin Bus if your child has left an item on the bus.

Students are discouraged from bringing unnecessary expensive/valuable items on the bus because of the potential for loss or theft.
BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE

Misbehavior which distracts the driver is a serious hazard to the safe operation of the vehicle, and as such, jeopardizes the safety of all passengers. All rules that apply to school behavior shall apply while riding or waiting to ride a school bus. Therefore, students may be administered consequences consistent with other school discipline procedures and in accordance with the District Transportation Policy.

In most situations, drivers will give verbal warnings when students choose to misbehave. If misbehavior continues, a School Bus Incident Report will be issued to communicate information to parents and school administrators. Parents are required to sign a copy of the bus incident report before the student will be allowed to ride the bus again.

Consequences follow district policy as listed in the Student Citizenship Handbook.

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Additional offenses are individually considered. Students may be suspended from riding the bus for a longer period of time, including the remainder of the school year.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will I know which bus my children will ride?
Families should watch for school bus information post cards which are mailed in late August.

How is my child will need to be picked up at a stop near a daycare provider? How do I arrange for this?
Complete a new bus registration form (available at your school office), or call Benjamin Bus. Remember, the request must be consistent every day, and the daycare location must be in the same attendance area as the school your child will attend.

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