

Student Conduct on School Buses

The following regulations will govern student conduct on school buses and Type 10 School Activity Vehicles if used for transporting students from home to school, school to home and from district-sponsored activities and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses:

1. Students being transported are under authority of the bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus;
3. Students will use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Students will be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Students will not bring firearms, weapons or other potentially hazardous material on the bus;
6. Students will not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals, on the bus;
7. Students will remain seated while bus is in motion;
8. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
9. When necessary to cross the road, students will cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
10. Students will not extend their hands, arms or heads through bus windows;
11. Students will have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;
12. Students will converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
13. Students will not open or close windows without permission of the driver;
14. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
15. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passersby;
16. Students who refuse to promptly obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses.

The following rules have also been adopted by the district to govern student conduct on school buses:

1. Students shall not consume food or beverages on buses during regular bus runs. Consuming food and beverages on the bus may be permitted for activity trips with the activity supervisor's permission as long as the bus remains clean. Failure to maintain a clean bus will result in revocation of such privileges for future trips;
2. All players should travel to and from competition by player's bus. Special exemptions may be made by the head coach for students coming home with a parent if the parent is there in person to take the student;
3. All matters related to the operation of the bus are the responsibility of the bus driver. The bus driver may overrule a teacher's request if, in his/her judgment, he/she feels the safety of his/her passengers will be affected.

The superintendent will establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding district school buses or other forms of district transportation and for disciplinary procedures. Such regulations will be available to all parents and students and posted in each school bus or other district vehicle.

Students who violate bus rules of conduct may be denied the use of district transportation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

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