

## BUS CONDUCT RULES

In order to insure the safety of all students riding our school buses, the "Bus Conduct Rules" are handed out to all students at the beginning of the school year.

1. Students shall be at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Crowding and pushing at the bus stop is prohibited.
2. Each student may be assigned a seat and shall not be permitted to move from the assigned seat except upon permission of the bus driver or the principal.
3. Students shall sit up in their seats and face the front of the bus keeping feet out of the aisle. Students are prohibited from standing up or being out of their seats while the bus is in motion.
4. Students are prohibited from putting any part of the body, head, or arms out of bus windows.
5. Students are prohibited from interfering with another student or mistreating the property of another student.
6. The following are prohibited:
  - a. Throwing objects (balls, paper, pencils, clothing, etc) will cause the immediate loss of bus privileges.
  - b. Excessive noise (yelling, whistling, swearing, or playing musical instruments).
  - c. Fighting or throwing articles, including shooting rubber bands.
  - d. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum.
  - e. Glass jars, animals, or pets.
7. Whenever it is necessary for a student to cross over a highway when being taken home, he/she will wait behind the front of the bus until directed by the bus driver to cross the street safely.
8. Students will not be allowed to get off at any stop other than their regular stop without a permission slip signed by their parent and approved by the principal.
9. If a student is going home with another student, a permission slip signed by the parents of both students and approved by the principal or designee is required.
10. Students damaging upholstery and equipment will be liable for cost and repair.
11. Persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver or to obey the rules shall be sufficient reason to deny transportation to a student.
12. If a student is excluded from riding the bus, the student will not be allowed to go on field trips unless transported by the parent.

### CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VIOLATION OF BUS CONDUCT RULES

- FIRST VIOLATION      Warning by principal, notification of parent, discipline may be administered.
- SECOND VIOLATION      Student may ride home that night, but will not be permitted on ANY bus for five (5) school days.
- THIRD VIOLATION      Exclusion shall be until the last day of the trimester following the trimester in which the exclusion occurred unless reinstated by the principal.
- FOURTH VIOLATION      Automatic exclusion.

Appointments for consideration of reinstatement may be scheduled with the principal by calling the school office between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

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It is requested that the **Bus Conduct Rules** and **Consequences for the Violation of Bus Conduct Rules** be carefully reviewed and discussed by both parents and student.

