

Student Conduct on School Buses and District Vehicles

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 district vehicles and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses and district vehicles:

Students being transported are under the authority of the bus driver. While riding a school bus, students will:

1. Obey the driver at all times;
2. Not throw objects;
3. Not have in their possession any weapon as defined by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
4. Not fight, wrestle or scuffle;
5. Not stand up and/or move from seats while the bus is in motion;
6. Not extend hands, head, feet or objects from windows or doors;
7. Not possess matches or other incendiaries and concussion devices;
8. Use emergency exits only as directed by the driver;
9. Not damage school property or the personal property of others;
10. Not threaten or physically harm the driver or other riders;
11. Not do any disruptive activity which might cause the driver to stop in order to reestablish order;
12. Not make disrespectful or obscene statements;
13. Not possess and/or use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs;
14. Not eat or chew gum;
15. Not carry glass containers or other glass objects;
16. Not take onto the bus skateboards, musical instruments or other large objects which might pose safety risks or barriers to safe entry and exit from the bus;

17. Accept assigned seats;
18. Stay away from the bus when it is moving;
19. Be at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time (schedules will be posted on all buses);
20. Answer to coaches, teachers and chaperons who are responsible for maintaining order on trips.
21. Will not bring animals on the bus, except approved guidance animals. Animals are prohibited on the bus.
22. Cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver when necessary to cross the road,
23. Have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;
24. Converse in normal tones;
25. Not open or close windows without permission of the driver;
26. Keep the bus clean.
27. Be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passers by.

The superintendent will establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding district school buses and district vehicles 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

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