

Windham Public School Bus Rider Regulations

It is the intent of this policy to ensure the safety of all students riding Windham Board of Education buses. It is imperative that all students respect the rights of others. Therefore, the administration has the right to prohibit students from riding a bus if their action on or waiting for a bus in any way endangers the safety of persons or property.

Any student may also be prohibited from riding the bus if he/she commits any violation of the rules and regulations. These students shall immediately be reported to the school authorities and may be suspended or expelled from bus privileges.

Code of Behavior

1. The driver is in charge of the bus and all students riding therein. The bus driver has the authority to assign students to specific seats if needed or desirable. The driver shall enforce all rules and regulations adopted by school authorities for the conduct of students on the bus. Failure to obey directions and other violations of rules will be reported to the appropriate administrator.
2. Students must take a seat upon entering the bus and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Students shall not move from one seat to another except as directed by the bus driver and at a time when the bus is not in motion. They should get on and off the bus only when it is fully stopped.
4. Conduct on the bus should be substantially the same as classroom conduct except that reasonable talking is permissible.
5. No indecent or profane language shall be permitted on the bus, nor shall there be any rowdiness.
6. Unnecessary talking with the driver is prohibited.
7. The possession and/or use of alcohol, drugs, knives, guns and any other dangerous or illegal items on the bus are strictly prohibited.
8. The use of tobacco, matches or lighters on the bus is prohibited and is a violation of state law.
9. The throwing of any objects in or around the bus is strictly prohibited.
10. Students must not at any time extend their arms or heads out the bus window.
11. Bus windows shall not be opened without the consent of the driver.
12. Students shall assist in keeping the bus clean, sanitary and orderly and shall refrain from abusing the bus, its cushions or other equipment.

13. Upon entering or leaving the bus, students shall avoid crowding or in any way disturbing others.
14. Students shall not leave the bus without permission from the proper school authorities except at their designated stop.
15. Students shall enter and leave the bus only by the front door except in case of emergency.
16. Students tampering with the emergency door except in an emergency will have bus privileges suspended.
17. Students must be on time and at all times cooperate in keeping the bus on schedule.

Penalties

First Offense: Student shall be spoken to by the Principal and the parents shall be notified; with any exceptions at the discretion of the Principal

Second Offense : Student shall be spoken to by the Principal and a written warning with the rules and regulations will be sent home.

Third Offense: Student's bus privileges shall be suspended.

Fourth Offense: Student may be expelled from bus privileges for the remainder of the year with the approval of the Superintendent if it is necessary to maintain the safety and well-being of the students or bus driver.

NOTE: Although progressive discipline will be followed for offenses of a minor nature, any serious offense may result in immediate suspension from bus privileges.