

DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES BUS POLICY

1. Students are allowed 1 Pickup and 1 Drop off. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
Students are allowed 1 change per semester.

2. Students are required to be at thier bus stop **5 MINUTES** before thier stop time and remain upto **10 MINUTES** after before calling dispatch to locate the bus.

3. When boarding the bus, students are to be seated and remain seated until arrival at their destination.

4. The driver is in charge at all times. When on activity trips, the teacher/sponsor and driver are in charge.

5. No pets or other animals in boxes, jars or other containers will be allowed on the bus.

6. Radios and other audio equipment will not be permitted on the bus unless the student is wearing headphones to listen to the music.

7. Students should remain quiet at all railroad crossings and there should be minimal noise while passing through town.

8. **NO EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS.** Please do not send your child on the bus with uneaten breakfast. We have to remember that children with food allergies cannot be exposed to certain foods.

9. Students are NOT to place their hands or any other part of their body out of the windows.

10.No fighting or horseplay on the bus. **Classroom conduct shall be observed at all times.**

11.Each student will be held accountable for any damage and destruction of bus and personal property. This includes graffiti and seat destruction.

12.If your student will not be riding the bus on a particular day, notify the transportation office in advance.

13.Driver may not transport any person not regularly assigned to the bus unless otherwise authorized dispatch.

14.The driver will assign seating arrangement K-12 on the bus.

15.The use of alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs is **NOT** permitted on the bus or at the bus stops. The use of matches and/or lighters will not be permitted.

16.Obscene and unacceptable language, gestures and signs will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary actions.

17.Students who need to cross the street must pass 10 feet in **FRONT** of the bus and establish eye contact with the driver before doing so. Students should **NEVER** walk behind the bus. Students are to stand a minimum of 10 feet back from the road while waiting for the bus. **This is a major safety issue and applies to all students, kindergarten through 12th grade.**

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18. The school bus is an extension of the school day. All school rules and regulations which pertain to the students are applicable on the bus at all times.

19. Students may be videotaped while riding the school bus. The viewing of these tapes is subject to the guidelines set by the school district.

20. The use of cell phones and taking pictures with camera phones will not be allowed on the bus. Phones will be confiscated.

21. Instruments are to be transported by parents. Instruments **WILL NOT** be transported on the bus unless they fit in your back packs. Instruments are not to be played on the bus.

Consequences: See District Handbook.