



## MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### **School Bus Student Code of Conduct**

When transporting students, the main goal of the Madison School District is to safely transport students to and from school and school related activities. Appropriate student behavior and conduct is a requirement on the school bus.

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Students have the right to be respected and have their property respected when riding the bus. Students have the responsibility to follow directions given by the bus driver or those in authority, respect the rights and feelings of others and their property, maintain appropriate decorum, and refrain from acts of violence, vandalism or bullying. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions, or events. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the bus or is at the bus stop.

Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the building principal or administrative designee. Serious misconduct, such as violence or vandalism, may be reported to local law enforcement.

#### **Bus Stop Rules**

1. Get to your bus stop five minutes before your scheduled pick up time.
2. Respect the property of others while waiting at your bus stop.
3. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself. No fighting or horseplay.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Stay away from the street when waiting for the bus. Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.
6. Do not use mobile phones or other electronic devices.
7. After getting off the bus, move away from the bus.
8. If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you.
9. Students are responsible for personal property.

Any acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall be subject to the Madison School District's policy and procedure.

#### **Rules on the Bus**

1. Immediately follow the directions of the driver.
2. Fasten your seatbelt and sit in your seat facing forward.
3. Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
5. Keep your arms, legs and belongings to yourself.

6. No fighting, harassment, intimidation, threatening, or horseplay.
7. Do not throw anything.
8. Do not use mobile phones or other electronic devices.
9. No eating, drinking, or possession of weapons on the school bus.
10. Do not damage the school bus.
11. Students are responsible for personal property.

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### **Consequences for Code of Conduct Infractions**

1st Offense: Verbal warning

2nd Offense: Phone call to parent or guardian by principal; possible assigned seat

3rd Offense: 1-3 school day suspension from riding the bus

4th Offense: 5 school day suspension from riding the bus

Further offenses will be individually considered. Students may be suspended for longer periods of time, including the remainder of the school year. The Principal or Superintendent may adjust consequences based on severity of offense at any time.