

FCS Department of Transportation – 2022- 2023 Bus Regulations

The Fayette County School Corporation is committed to providing a safe and efficient student transportation system. This is possible with the teamwork of dedicated drivers who pledge to be courteous and caring to the students that they transport, and with parents and students being considerate and cooperative with the bus drivers and staff.

Because the behavior of school bus passengers can directly affect their safety and the safety of others, the following regulation apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including daily routes, field trips and other special trips. School personnel, parents or guardians, and students must know and follow these regulations. **It is a privilege, not a right, to have transportation to and from school.** This information will help assure a safe ride for all students transported.

In accordance with the (revised) Indiana Code 20-27-10-2, “ When school children are being transported on a school bus, they are under the supervision, direction and control of the school bus driver and are subject to disciplinary measures by the bus driver and the governing body of the school corporation.” Bus driver shall keep order, maintain discipline among students, and see that all students are treated in a civil manner, and that no student is imposed upon or mistreated, using every precaution for the safety of the students under their charge.

Bus Rules & Regulations

1. Students need to arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes earlier than the expected arrival time of the bus. We cannot send buses back to a stop where students were not ready to board bus. Students should line up six (6) feet away from the road. Students are to wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before moving towards the bus to load. If a student needs to cross in front of the bus they are to wait until bus driver motions for them to cross.
2. Upon boarding the bus, students shall immediately be seated, facing forward and remain in that seat for the remainder of the route, unless given permission by the bus driver to change seats. It is important to keep center isle clear and that students sit up in the seat.
3. Students are ask to be courteous to bus driver and fellow students. If bus driver feels that is not happening he/she can assign seats at any time.
4. Students shall not mar or otherwise deface the bus
5. Students are to refrain from loud talking, excessive noise and unnecessary movement which would divert bus driver’s attention that could result in an accident.
6. Students are to keep their hands to themselves
7. Students shall assist in keeping the bus safe and clean. Please do not place trash on floor of bus.
8. Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
9. Students shall keep all body parts and clothing inside the bus at all times.
10. Students shall never leave the bus through the rear door except during and emergency or scheduled evacuation drill.
11. The driver **will** only let student off at assigned bus stop unless student is issued a pink pass by principal or secretary, or an alternated transportation form is completed by legal parent/guardian. **No phone in bus stop changes to the transportation department will be honored.**

12. In case of a road emergency involving the bus, or the bus and another vehicle the students are to remain on the bus unless otherwise instructed by the bus driver.
13. The following **improper behaviors** can result in bus discipline forms and/or suspension of bus riding privileges and/or suspension from school.
 - a. Insolence, not following bus driver's instructions, vulgar actions or gestures. Obscene or profane language. Hitting, fighting, pushing, shoving, or other disruptive and disturbing actions.
 - b. Throwing articles or objects in, from or at bus.
 - c. Obstructing the aisle in any manner
 - d. Possession of unacceptable items such as glass containers, live animals, water guns, helium-filled balloons, cell phone, skateboards, scooter, roller blades, bicycles, etc.
 - e. Possession of or use of fireworks, lighters, or matches
 - f. Possession of or use of any tobacco products. Including smoking vaping or chewing.
 - g. Possession of or use of any weapon
 - h. No spraying of any cologne or any kind of aerosol
 - i. At no time will any sort of bullying be acceptable (verbal, physical, etc)

Bus Rules and Regulation – Leaving the bus

Students are to remain seated in their seats until the bus comes to a complete stop before standing, entering the aisle and attempting to leave the bus at the bus stop.

Bus Stops

Parents are responsible for students coming to or leaving bus stops and during wait time at bus stops.

Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade

Parent/guardian/responsible adult are to be at stop to get student off the bus. If

parent/guardian/responsible adult is not present the student will be returned to the office of their home school.

Bus Rules and Regulation – Video Cameras

Video cameras maybe in use to record student activities on the bus, and tapes will be used as evidence in disciplinary hearings

Bus Rules and Regulation – Extra Curricular trips

Bus discipline rules and regulations apply to any trip under school sponsorship. Students shall comply with request of a competent chaperone appointed by the school or the driver.

If a student is suspended from one (1) bus he/she is suspended from all other buses as well. A school bus suspension is NOT an excuse for being absent for school. Students that are suspended from a school bus are expected to be present in school each day of their bus suspension.

Any complaints of students, parents, or drivers not specified in these regulations shall be reported to the Principal or Director of Transportation.