

TIOGA SCHOOL BUS RIDER RULES

The following rules have been adopted by the Tioga School Board to govern the use of school buses throughout the Tioga Public School District. Parents are asked to review these rules with their children.

A. General

1. Parents and pupils must realize that school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right.
2. Be informed that misbehavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Pupils who misbehave can be suspended from school and can be denied the privilege of riding on the bus. A bus driver shall have the authority to remove a student from the bus for a period of one day for disciplinary reasons; upon conferring with the administration, the time may be extended by the superintendent/principal for additional days as deemed appropriate.

B. Pupil and Parent Responsibilities

1. Pupils will ride on assigned buses. Parents must request in writing any exception from this rule. Request shall be made to the Superintendent.
2. Pupils will board and debark from their assigned bus at selected designations unless written permission is granted to be let off at other than the regular stop. The bus driver must be presented such a written request signed by the principal. Parents will assume the responsibility of the child when such a request is made and granted.
3. A certificate or statement from a medical doctor will be forwarded to the office of the superintendent to substantiate all physically handicapped cases. Temporary handicap will require an annual statement. Permanent handicap will require only an initial statement. Parents are responsible for obtaining the statement and forwarding it to the superintendent's office.
4. It is the responsibility of the parent and the student that he/she be properly clothed during the winter months. **A student may be denied access to the buses if not properly clothed.**
5. If parents wish to take children home from school, the bus driver should be notified. In no case shall parents stop the bus on the highway at an undesignated stop for the purpose of taking their children off the bus.
6. If the children are not to ride the bus in the morning, the driver should be notified in sufficient time so that he does not have to stop.
7. If a child did not ride the bus in the morning, the driver will not expect him to ride the bus at night unless he is notified.

C. Previous to Loading (on the road and at school)

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stops – help keep the bus on schedule.
2. Stay off the road while waiting for the bus. Bus riders should conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus. Line up in an orderly, single file manner. Do not rush to get on the bus.
4. Be courteous. Don't take advantage of younger children in order to get a seat. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats for any length of time.
5. If there is no sidewalk or path, it is recommended that you walk to the side of the road facing traffic to get to the bus stop.
6. Use the handrail and watch your step when boarding the bus.

D. While on the bus

1. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.
2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
3. Remember loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
4. Treat bus equipment as valuable furniture in your home. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender. Climbing over seats is not allowed.
5. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
6. Take books, lunches, or other articles when leaving the bus.
7. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisles.
8. Remain in the bus in case of a road emergency, unless directed to do otherwise by the bus driver.
9. Do not throw anything out of the bus window.
10. Students must remain in their seats while the bus is in motion. This is for the student's safety.
11. Always be courteous to fellow pupils, the bus driver, the driver's assistant and to passers-by.
12. Keep absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing stop.
13. Parents will be notified if there is continuous misconduct on the bus. Bus riders may be denied the privilege of riding for any length of time.
14. The driver is responsible for controlling the bus riders. They must obey him or her promptly and cheerfully.

E. After Leaving the Bus

1. Cross the road at least 10 feet in front of the bus but only after checking to be sure no traffic is approaching and/or after receiving a signal from the driver. Always keep the driver in your sight.
2. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
3. Be alert to the danger signal from the driver. (Note: Pre-arranged signal).
4. Riders are not permitted to leave the bus at other than regular stops unless proper authorization has been given in advance by school officials.

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