

**STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Once a student boards the bus, and only at that time, does he/she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the student is delivered to the bus stop at the close of the school day. In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the school, the board expects students to conduct themselves at the bus stop and on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for school behavior. Pupils' rights to due process will be recognized.

Parents are responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely when privileges are suspended. The Superintendent is responsible for the establishment and dissemination of rules for student conduct for the use of busing services.

Cross Reference:        EEA – Student Transportation Services  
                                  JIC – Student Code of Conduct

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# M.S.A.D. #49 School Bus Rules

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A student's privilege to ride a school bus is conditional to the observance of the following rules. Parents/guardians of the students are responsible for the supervision of the child at bus stops until they board the bus in the morning and when a child disembarks the bus at the end of the school day.

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students at all times.
2. All pupils must be on time. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
3. When the bus is in motion, pupils must be seated facing the front until the bus comes to a complete stop. They must not sit sideways, backwards, stand, or move about the bus. Pupils will ask permission to open windows and will keep all body parts inside the bus at all times. Drivers may assign seats in the bus.
4. Students are responsible for their own property. Lunch boxes, book bags, etc. will be held on the students' lap while riding. Aisles and floors must remain free of clutter at all times.
5. Students shall help keep the bus clean. Pupils shall not throw things in the bus or out the windows.
6. Pupils will not use any toxic substances such as hair spray, nail polish remover, perfume or cologne.
7. The use of tobacco products, illegal and non-prescription drugs or alcohol is strictly forbidden on any bus.
8. Normal conversation among students is allowed on the bus. Student's conversations should not be loud or boisterous. Foul language is forbidden. This includes profanity, vulgarity, obscene language, disruption or swearing. The driver will require silence at all railroad crossings and elsewhere for safety.
9. Use of electronic devices are allowed only when use does not create a distraction or disturbance on the bus. Students may read while riding.
10. Pets and glass objects are not allowed on the bus. The driver shall make a reasonable and prudent determination that all carry-on items are properly handled in order to minimize the danger to others.
11. There shall be no eating or drinking on the bus.
12. Pupils will not damage the bus.
13. Pupils should treat each other with courtesy. Bullying, fighting, pushing, or tripping is forbidden.

## Special Requests

1. No pupil will leave the bus without the driver's consent except at home or school. If a child is to leave the bus anywhere other than home or school, a written request with the alternate address is needed from the parent/guardian.
2. There will be no additional riders unless there is extra room on the bus and written permission is received from the school.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) please read and go over these rules with your student. Please sign and return to driver.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus #: \_\_\_\_\_

Consequences of disobeying these rules could result in a bus incident report. An incident report slip must be signed by parent/guardian and returned to bus driver the next morning in order to be allowed the privilege of riding the bus again. The transportation supervisor will determine the consequences of the incident. Suspension from the school bus does not excuse the pupil from attending school. The parent/guardian will be responsible for the pupil's transportation to school. Failure to attend school shall be considered a violation of the truancy law.