

## **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES - RULES**

### **Meeting the Bus**

- A. All students shall be on time and at their assigned stops.
- B. If students must cross the highway when getting on or off the bus, they shall wait until the bus driver directs them to cross the highway. Students when crossing the highway shall walk, not run.
- C. Students shall not run alongside the bus when it is moving.
- D. Students shall line up in single file when loading without cutting in line or shoving.
- E. No high school student without prior approval from the Transportation Department shall leave or board the bus at the middle school.

### **On the Bus**

- A. Students shall observe classroom conduct rules and obey the driver who has full charge of the bus and responsibility for their safety and the safe operation of the bus.
- B. Students shall go directly to an available or assigned seat, if this is required by the driver, without crowding or pushing, and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- C. Students shall not extend arms, legs, or head outside while the bus is stopped or in motion.
- D. Students shall not distract the driver while the bus is in motion except in an emergency.
- E. Students shall not tamper with an emergency door or other bus equipment.
- F. Students shall not mar or deface the bus. Damage done to seats or other equipment shall be paid for by the student.
- G. Students shall not open windows, unless permission is given.
- H. Students must follow Guidelines for Eating and Drinking on District School Buses contained in the Transportation Handbook.
- I. Students shall not fight or scuffle in the bus or create any disturbance, which interferes with the safe operation of the bus and the safety of any

individual on the bus. A student shall respect the rights and safety of others.

- J. Students shall not shout to pedestrians or occupants of other vehicles or throw objects out of or within the bus.
- K. Prior to getting off the bus, students shall remain seated until the bus stops.
- L. Students shall not place feet, lunch boxes, or other loose objects in the aisle of the bus.
- M. Objects other than usual and customary school supplies must be authorized by the Transportation Department before being permitted on the bus.
- N. Students shall not smoke on the bus. Students apparently under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances shall not be transported. Students using such substances enroute to school shall be treated in accordance with the R.S.U. #57 policy for drugs.
- O. Students riding the later afternoon activity buses shall present an activity pass to the driver when boarding the bus.
- P. Students shall not use profane or offensive language in the bus at any time.
- Q. Students shall not board or leave a bus at other locations other than the assigned pick up spot or assigned school except in an emergency. Exceptions to this rule requires contact with and approval by the Transportation Department.
- R. These basic rules shall be enforced by **ALL DRIVERS** on regular, special, and athletic trips. Disciplinary action may be taken against any students who willfully disregard a bus driver's instruction. The student may lose busing privileges for a specified time, if any rule is disregarded.

### **Student Disciplinary Measures for Infraction(s) Aboard Buses**

Written warnings may be issued by drivers. Written warnings may accumulate toward bus privilege suspension. Under aggravated circumstances, the principal may suspend bus privileges without warning at any time.

Continued bus privilege suspension may mean loss of bus privileges for the rest of the school year. Serious misbehavior on the bus may also be cause for disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from school. Written suspensions are issued by the administration.