

# **REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Consistent compliance with these rules, regulations, and guidelines will encourage safe and satisfactory operation of our transportation system.

## **THE BUS DRIVER**

1. The driver is, at all times, in charge of the bus and all students riding therein while the students are being transported to and from school. If needed the bus driver has the authority to assign students to specific seats. He/she is required to enforce all rules and regulations adopted by school authorities for the conduct of students on the bus.
2. Under no circumstances will a bus driver leave a bus unattended while students are on the bus.
3. Any pupil who violates bus rules will be reported to the school Principal by the bus driver. Should a serious disruption occur on the regular bus route, the driver may return to the school and provide a report to the school Principal or the person in authority. Under no circumstances will a student be discharged from the bus other than at his/her assigned stop or at the school.

## **THE STUDENTS**

1. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion. When the bus is stopped, students may change seats only with the permission of the bus driver.
2. Conduct on the bus should be substantially the same as in the classroom.
3. No indecent or profane language is permitted on the bus. Being rowdy and loud talking are not allowed.
4. Food shall not be eaten on the bus.
5. Pets will not be permitted on the bus.
6. Smoking is not permitted on the bus.
7. Throwing any object on the bus is specifically prohibited.
8. Students must not extend their arms or heads out of the bus windows.
9. Bus windows shall not be opened without the consent of the bus driver.
10. Students shall assist in keeping the bus clean, sanitary, orderly, and shall refrain from abusing the bus, its cushions, or other equipment.
11. When entering or leaving the bus, students shall avoid crowding or in any way disturbing others.
12. No student shall leave the bus, except at his/her designated stop, without permission from proper school authorities.
13. Students shall only enter and leave the bus by the front door except in case of an emergency.
14. Students must be on time, and at all times, cooperate in keeping the bus on schedule.
15. After students disembark from the bus they should not cross in front of the bus until signaled to do so by the driver.
16. When seated, students must, at all times keep their feet out of the aisle of the bus.
17. Students may not change buses except for extraordinary, essential reasons. Such request must be in writing by the parent and signed by the administration in advance. This signed request will then be given to the bus driver.
18. Students must stand 10 feet off the road where the school bus stops.
19. Students must not walk toward the bus until it stops completely.
20. Students will only be picked up at designated stops.

## **SANCTIONS**

1. Any student who violates any of the above regulations will be immediately reported to the Principal by the bus driver.
2. Upon receipt of the notice of violation, and after verification, the Principal shall notify the parent/guardian.
3. Students who commit violations may be forbidden by the school Principal either temporarily or permanently, from riding the bus to school. Parents will then have the full responsibility for ensuring that students arrive on time.
4. Any student who inflicts damage on the bus will be held financially responsible for the cost of that damage.