

STUDENTS

Bus Rules and Regulations

In keeping with the Board's responsibility for the health and safety of students in its care, the following rules are to be followed by all those riding buses to and from school or for other school sponsored activities:

1. The bus driver is in charge of the bus and all its passengers, who are to follow the instruction and directions of the driver.
2. Students will be courteous to classmates and the bus driver.
3. Parents are responsible for any damage done to the buses by their children.
4. Students are to ride their assigned bus and be discharged at their designated stop. For other stops or use of another bus a bus pass, approved by the principal or his/her designee and given to the driver, must be secured in advance through a written parental request.
5. Students are to be at their designated bus stop on time.
6. Students will follow safety rules at the bus stops, in particular:
 - a. As the school bus approaches a bus stop, students are to stand and wait at a safe distance for the bus to stop completely and for the door to be open before approaching the bus.
 - b. Students leaving the bus must cross in front of the bus at the direction of the bus driver.
 - c. Students are not to interfere with anyone passing to or from a seat.
7. Students will not stand while the bus is in motion.
8. The emergency door will only be opened in emergencies.
9. Connecticut State Law prohibits smoking or the lighting of matches on a school bus.
10. Students assigned to a seat by the bus driver are to sit in it.
11. No fighting is allowed on the school bus.
12. There shall be no throwing of objects on the bus.
13. Students will not play musical instruments on the school bus.
14. Students will not transport any article that cannot be held in the lap, or that the bus driver determines to be unsafe, including glass containers. Arrangements for transporting larger items may be made at the discretion of the bus driver.
15. Students shall not have in their possession unauthorized items, such as knives, clubs, firearms, other weapons, fireworks, etc.
16. Students will not eat on the school bus.

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