



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS ON THE BUS

Transportation Services Department

It is the right of every student being transported on a bus to receive this service in the safest possible manner. In order to insure this, it is necessary for all students to know, and to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the State and the local Board of Education. Below is a copy of the BUS RIDE poster that will be posted on each bus with additional student expectations following. Parents are urged to help their children understand the importance of these rules as they relate to their personal safety. Remember the bus ride is an extension of the school day and that school and classroom conduct is expected at the bus stop as well as on the bus.

Be respectful to others

Use headphones

Stay seated facing forward

Raise hand to ask for driver help

Interact at voice level 1 or 2

Don't bring food drinks or gum

Enter & exit safely at assigned stop

- Be on time to your assigned bus stop.
- Bring only school appropriate items on the bus.
- Obey the driver and/or aide at all times.
- The use of Personal Electronic Devices such as cell phones and iPods may be allowed on the bus when used quietly and appropriately. Students are personally responsible for the security of any Personal Electronic Devices.
- A student with transportation as a related service who rides on a Special Education bus needs to be received by a parent/guardian.

Violation of the bus rules could result in suspension or revocation of the privilege to ride the bus.

The undersigned persons acknowledge receiving a copy of Student Expectations on the Bus and understand that based on Board of Education Policy 7311 a student's riding privilege may be suspended or revoked for unsafe and/or inappropriate conduct on the bus. (See back for additional Transportation information.)

Print Student Name

Student Signature (when applicable)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Other Transportation Information for Parents

1. Students are encouraged to arrive at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time.
2. For your student's safety he or she may only use the assigned bus stop.
3. The following items will not be allowed on the bus: skateboards, balls not secured in a backpack, water guns or toy replicas of weapons, animals/pets, scooters, balloons, flower bouquets, or any object that is prohibited by district policy, may cause a distraction, or is a safety hazard on the bus.
4. In case of an emergency while the bus is in transport, the driver will follow the bus contractor's protocol. The appropriate responders will be contacted and sent to assist. Depending on the nature of the incident, the school will be contacted and will notify parents if appropriate and possible.
5. If buses are in transit when a tornado warning is issued, bus drivers will be directed to follow their severe weather plan and when appropriate to proceed to the nearest USD 259 secondary school in the morning and elementary school in the afternoon to seek shelter. Bus drivers will remain with students at that location until released to resume the bus run.
6. A parent, guardian, or emergency contact person (listed at the school) must receive any student receiving Special Education transportation. The adult must be visible to the driver.

The following information identifies who to contact when certain situations arise:

QUESTION	WHO TO CALL	PHONE NUMBER
Lost Child	First Student	832-9231
	Transportation Services	973-2190
Stop or Address Change	School	
Driver Problems	School	
	Transportation Services	973-2190
Student Not Picked Up	First Student	832-9231
Eligibility for Bus	School	
Lost Items on Bus	First Student	832-9231
Parent Emergency	School	
School Closings	USD 259 Hotline	973-4259
Discipline	School	
Bus Stop Information	School	
Late Bus	First Student	832-9231
	<i>If no answer call</i> Transportation Services	973-2190
Attendance Boundary	Pupil Accounting	973-4498