



## School Bus Rules and Riding Regulations

Per Policy and Procedures 6605 & WAC 392-145-016

For safety reasons, riders are expected to follow rules for riding the school bus. Please read them carefully. Riders are expected to follow these rules at ALL times. **Please be reminded that school bus riding is a privilege; any infraction of the rules may result in discontinuation of bus riding privileges.** Thank you for your support.

1. Students shall obey the driver and any aide assigned to the bus by the District. The driver is in full charge of the bus and passengers and shall be obeyed and show respect. When transporting classes or teams, the teacher or coach shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students however, the driver will have ultimate authority when it comes to the safe operations of the bus.
2. Loading Instructions: Leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop before the bus is due, but no earlier than five minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Do not stand or play in the roadway or on the private property of others while waiting for the bus. When the bus approaches, stand ten feet from the bus and wait for the driver's signal to load.
3. When entering and exiting the bus, proceed in an orderly fashion and be in view of the driver. Board and exit only at assigned stops, unless there is written permission from a school official.
4. Destruction/defacing of public or private property may lead to suspension of bus privileges. You are expected to respect the people and property in and around the bus stop. The bus stop is considered an extension of the school and school rules apply. Parents of students identified as causing damage to buses shall be charged with the incurred damage.
5. Elementary and middle school students are required to sit in their assigned seat at all times. High School assigned seating is at the discretion of the driver. Remain seated, keeping all parts of your body inside the bus and out of the bus aisle. Keep hands and feet to yourself. Classroom appropriate conversation and conduct will be observed at all times.
6. Each student must see that their books and personal belongings are kept out of the aisle and off the back shelf area of the bus. Students shall not carry or have in their possession items that can cause injury to passengers on the bus. Such items include but not limited to, sticks, breakable containers, weapons, firearms, straps or pins protruding from clothing or large bulky items that cannot be held between the legs.
7. Animals/Pets of any kind will not be allowed on the bus. (Exception will be made for service animal for the disabled.)
8. Tobacco products, ignition of lighters or matches are not permitted on the bus or at the bus stop at any time.
9. Eating and drinking is not allowed on the bus.
10. Whether waiting for the bus or riding the bus, disruptive conduct (harassment, teasing, shouting, pushing, hitting, intimidation, fighting, or inappropriate/foul language) will not be tolerated or allowed at any time.
11. Laser pens must not be out or visible to the driver. If a pen is found being pointed in the driver's mirror/eye, legal action/suspension may be taken.