

Student Conduct on School Buses

For the safety of all students who ride, good conduct on the bus must be maintained in order that the bus driver may devote his/her undivided attention to the business of driving the bus safely. Students may be assigned seats by the driver.

Students who do not respect the authority of the bus driver or the rules established by the district which are necessary for the safe operation of buses may forfeit their rights to further transportation. The bus driver may refuse to allow a student to get on the bus until the superintendent, transportation supervisor, or the student's principal has determined the status of the student.

The following regulations will govern student conduct on school buses and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses and Type 10 School Activity Vehicles if used for transporting students from home to school, school to home and from district-sponsored activities:

1. Students being transported are under authority of the bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus;
3. Students will use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Students will be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Students will not bring glass containers, firearms, weapons, aerosol cans or other potentially hazardous material on the bus;
6. Students will remain seated while bus is in motion;
7. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
8. When necessary to cross the road, students will cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
9. Students will not extend their hands, arms or heads through bus windows;
10. Students will have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;
11. Students will converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
12. Students will not open or close windows without permission of driver;

13. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
14. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passers-by;
15. Students who refuse to promptly obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses;
16. Students will not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals, on the bus.

Bus drivers will be properly instructed as to conduct on school buses and are in complete charge of students on regular runs. Advisors are responsible for conduct of students on special trips, athletic contests, field trips, etc., but ultimately the bus drivers will be responsible for student conduct on the bus.

The superintendent will establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding district school buses or other forms of district transportation and for disciplinary procedures. Such regulations will be available to all parents and students and posted in each school bus or other district vehicle.

Students who violate bus rules of conduct may be denied the use of district transportation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to- 0075](#)
[OAR 581-023-0040](#)
[OAR 581-053-0002](#)
[OAR 581-053-0003](#)
[OAR 581-053-0004](#)
[OAR 581-053-0010](#)
[OAR 581-053-0210](#)

Letter Opinion, Office of the OR Attorney General (Nov. 22, 1988).

Cross Reference(s):

EEA - Student Transportation Services
JFCB - Care of District Property by Students
JFCC - Student Conduct on Buses