

Student Conduct on School Buses

All students eligible for district-approved student transportation shall receive safety instruction and a code of conduct.

Violation of the code of conduct or conduct which jeopardizes the health/safety of self and/or others may result in the loss of district-approved transportation services.

I. Discipline Procedures for District-Approved Transportation

The district strives to ensure the safety of all passengers. To this end, the district will follow the Oregon State Board of Education Rules Governing Pupils Riding School Buses. These rules are (OAR 581-053-0010):

1. Pupils being transported are under the authority of the bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus;
3. Pupils shall use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Pupils shall be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Pupils shall not bring firearms, weapons or other potentially hazardous materials on the bus;
6. Pupils shall not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals, on the bus;
7. Pupils shall remain seated while bus is in motion;
8. Pupils may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
9. When necessary to cross the road, pupils shall cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
10. Pupils shall not extend their hands, arms or heads through bus windows;
11. Pupils shall have written permission to leave the bus other than at home or school;
12. Pupils shall converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
13. Pupils shall not open or close windows without permission of driver;
14. Pupils shall keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
15. Pupils shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow pupils and passersby;
16. Pupils who refuse to obey promptly the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses;
17. Rules Governing Pupils Riding School Buses must be kept posted in a conspicuous place in all school buses.

II. Bus Tickets

Students who violate these bus rules are given bus tickets. A bus ticket can be used to issue a warning or to exclude a student from riding the bus, depending on the severity of the incident, for anywhere from one day to the remainder of the year. In most cases the discipline is progressive (first ticket is for one day off, second ticket is for three days off, third ticket is for five days off, etc.)

1. If the act occurs on the way to school, the student must be brought to school and the principal notified. The principal or designee will sign the ticket. The student may ride the bus home but CANNOT ride the next morning until the bus ticket has been signed by the parent.
2. If the act occurs on the way home from school, the student CANNOT ride the bus again until the principal or designee and parent have both signed the bus ticket. On the warning ticket, only the parent signature will be required.

III. Right of Appeal

1. At each step of the discipline procedures used in district-approved transportation services, parents, students and/or a representative have a right to appeal.
2. All appeals must be in writing.
3. Appeals are to be made to the responsible person at the level of appeal.
4. Final appeal may be made to the Board.
5. Board decisions are final.

IV. Students with disabilities will be disciplined in accordance with Board policy JGDA/JGEA.