

### **Student Conduct on School Buses**

While the law permits the district to furnish transportation, it does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a student boards the bus - and only at that time - does he/she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the student is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board requires students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

Additionally, the following regulations, as required by state law, will govern student conduct on school buses and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses:

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 firearms, weapons or other potentially hazardous material on the bus;
6. Students will not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals, on the bus;
7. Students will remain seated while bus is in motion;
8. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
9. When necessary to cross the road, students will cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
10. Students will not extend their hands, arms or heads through bus windows;
11. Students will have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;
12. Students will converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;

13. Students will not open or close windows without permission of the driver;
14. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
15. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passersby;
16. 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.

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

In cases when a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, the driver shall report such instances to the bus supervisor.

The superintendent or designee may suspend the riding privileges of any student whose behavior on a school bus constitutes a serious disciplinary problem. Students who violate bus rules of conduct may be denied the use of district transportation. Special education students will be disciplined in accordance with Board policy JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Disabled Students and accompanying administrative regulation. In cases in which a student has been denied district transportation, the parents of the student(s) involved become responsible for the transportation of their students to and from school.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

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