

Student Conduct on School Buses

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

In cases when a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the principal by the bus driver. The principal will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the bus may have their riding privileges suspended. In such cases, the parents of the students involved, become responsible for seeing that their students get to and from school safely.

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

1. Students being transported on the bus 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 an emergency;
4. Students will be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Students will not bring animals, firearms, weapons 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 the 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 bus 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 and for disciplinary proceedings. 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