

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Bus Transportation Guidelines

Please discuss rules and guidelines with your child, and keep them for your records.

Rules -

- 1. Be respectful.**
- 2. Listen, and follow directions.**
- 3. Stay in your seat at all times. Face the front. Keep the aisle clear.**
- 4. Talk quietly. Do not distract the driver.**
- 5. School rules apply. Do not eat, drink, or use cell phones (*Board Policy 6.312*).**
- 6. Keep hands, feet, and unkind words to yourself. Profanity is not allowed.**
- 7. No item should ever be held out, or thrown out of the bus windows. At no time should students have their hands, arms, etc. outside the bus windows.**
- 8. Bus Driver is in charge. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Appropriate disciplinary action (including suspension from the bus) will be taken if these rules are not followed.**

Additional Guidelines -

9. Conditions sometimes require unexpected school closings; for specific details - listen to the radio, check the school system website, or call the school or BOE at 967-0626. Additionally, conditions may require a delay in students being released at the normal time. Please develop and discuss regularly a plan for such situations, i.e., calling a designee to either pickup from school or to be at the student's home. A responsible adult should be at home when a student is picked up or dropped off.
10. Pick-ups and drop-offs will be at the student's primary residence only (or nearest bus-accessible public roadway) unless other arrangements are made and authorized. Students cannot be picked-up or dropped off on Dinah Shore Boulevard, places of business, residences of others, and schools (except for transfer buses). Buses will not transport students from out of state, out of county, or outside the normal school zones. Board the bus at your home.
11. Be at the designated bus stop prior to the time the bus is scheduled to arrive. The bus cannot wait for tardy students. Your driver will try to watch for you in inclement weather. Always be ready, and move quickly. Always stand a safe distance from the edge of the road, never in the road, while waiting for the bus to arrive. While at the bus stop, students should conduct themselves in an orderly manner, respect nearby property rights and others, and avoid littering.
12. Wait for a signal from the driver and cross well in front of the bus when getting on or off the bus. Never go beside or behind the bus. Remember the danger zone all around the bus. If you can't see the driver, he or she cannot see you.
13. Seats (or seating areas) may be assigned by the driver.
14. Three (3) consecutive days of not riding the bus, and because of the very high cost of operation, will result in drivers not going down dead-end roads or other long distances to pick up students until notification for the need for bus service is received.
15. Franklin County School Buses are for the transportation of Franklin County students and authorized school employees. No one else is ever allowed to board a bus.
16. If you have questions, comments, complaints, or compliments, please feel free to call the Supervisor – Transportation, Safety, and Facilities at the Franklin County Board of Education – 967-0626.
17. Our goal is to safely, professionally, and respectfully transport the most precious cargo on earth to school and back home again -- every day.

Additional informational regarding student transportation can be found on the [Code of Conduct](#).