

# WHAT ARE THE RULES OF THE SCHOOL BUS? 16-17

## A. Rules of Passenger Conduct (while en route to and from bus stop, at bus stop and on bus)

The safety of school bus passengers is the most important consideration of the school bus operation. Failure to comply with the listed rules will result in a disciplinary report to the school administrator.

### Passengers must:

1. Comply with the directions of the driver.
2. Behave in an orderly manner while en route to, waiting for, entering, riding or exiting the bus.
3. Remain properly seated **AT ALL TIMES**.
4. Be at the bus stop five minutes prior to the scheduled stop.
5. Not extend any part of their bodies out of the bus or throw any item in or out of the bus.
6. Not bring any food or drink on the bus. Bus drivers may make exceptions for athletic runs and special occasions.
7. Not do damage to any part of the bus or another student's property.
  - a. For any infractions involving damage, restitution will be required for all damages, along with the assigned consequence.
8. Not bring skateboards, glass containers, large instruments, sports equipment, animals, weapons, liquor, tobacco, drugs or any other item that can not be held on lap or could interfere with passenger safety.
9. Not participate in loud talking, use of profanity, displaying obscene gestures, scuffling, throwing things, spraying perfume, cologne, hairspray etc, standing or changing seats, or any other action which creates a safety hazard or which distracts the attention of the driver.
10. Follow the bus driver's directions and signals when crossing the road, and while entering or departing the bus.
  - a. Crossing behind the bus is prohibited. Do not touch the outside of the bus.
11. Not ride a bus other than their assigned bus. Students will board and disembark from the bus only at their assigned bus stop
12. Kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop by an approved parent/guardian/adult.

## B. Consequences of Violating Bus Rules

**THE SITE ADMINISTRATOR WILL DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS LISTED IN THE NCSD PARENT / STUDENT HANDBOOK.**

Any severe misbehavior that potentially causes a safety problem could result in an immediate suspension from bus transportation. These inappropriate behaviors may include:

1. Physical harm or threat to another student.
2. Physical harm or threat to bus driver.
3. Fighting, pushing, tripping, smoking, possession or use of: alcohol, weapons or drugs.
4. Property damage (restitution will be required).
5. Refusal to obey bus driver.

If a student receives an incident report, parent contact would be a copy of the report sent home with the student and one mailed to the address listed on the student's records.

Any suspension from the bus would result in a good faith attempt, by the school, to contact parents immediately by phone.