

## **4430.2 – STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES**

The school bus is an extension of the classroom. Therefore, students must conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

While the following is written within the context of bus ridership, the expectations apply to any District approved/provided transportation vehicle.

### **4430.2 – STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES - REGULATIONS**

#### **I. Bus Conduct Expectations**

Annually, students and parents receive the Student Code of Conduct which includes bus conduct expectations.

- A. Waiting for the Bus: Parents or guardians are responsible for the student's behavior and safety until he/she boards the bus and once he/she exits the bus. The bus will come to a full stop, but the driver will not be required to wait for students who are not visibly approaching the bus (so that the bus may stay on schedule for other riders).
  1. Be Respectful: Students are expected to use positive and appropriate language while waiting for the bus.
  2. Be Responsible: Students are expected to be on time to their bus stop and be ready to board when the bus arrives. Students are expected to board the bus quietly.
  3. Be Safe: Students are expected to keep their hands and feet to themselves, lineup at least two feet from the curb, and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop with bus flashers activated before approaching the bus.
  
- B. Riding the Bus: The District's/contractor's responsibility begins once the student has boarded the bus. Parents or guardians are not allowed to board the bus during any portion of the route.
  1. Be Respectful: Students are expected to use positive and appropriate language and follow the driver and attendant's directions. Students are expected to keep their seat area clean.
  2. Be Responsible: Students are expected to keep the aisle clear from feet and objects. Students are expected to treat the bus and its equipment with respect.
  3. Be Safe: Students are expected to use the handrail and keep their hands and feet to themselves. Students are expected to remain seated while the bus is in motion. Students are expected to keep their voices low so that the driver is not distracted.
  
- C. Exiting the Bus:
  1. Be Safe: Students are required to stay on the bus until being discharged at their applicable stop/school. If students are required to cross the road after getting off the bus, cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus and only after receiving a signal from the driver to cross.
  2. Be Responsible: Students are expected to exit the bus quickly and quietly.

3. Be Safe: Students are expected to use the handrail.

II. Discipline Procedures

In cases where misconduct on the bus is reported ~~occurs on the bus~~ and substantiated, school personnel will use the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities to determine what action is needed.

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