

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

### Rules And Regulations For Bus Riders

All the rules and regulations for the Fairview Park City Schools are in effect while waiting for, riding on or departing from the bus. The rules and regulations are listed below so that students are aware of specific items, which pertain to transportation to and from school. These rules apply to students on field trips and as members of teams participating in away athletic events. It is our intention to provide a safe system for transporting students. Behavior, which in any way will lessen the safety of the riders, will not be tolerated. Students on the bus are under the authority of and directly responsible to the bus driver.

### Waiting For The Bus:

1. Leave home early enough to reach the bus stop five (5) minutes before the regular pick up time.
2. Wait clear of traffic on a sidewalk if possible and away from the location where the bus will stop. The sidewalk is the students' "Place Of Safety"
3. Stay off lawns.
4. At the bus stop, avoid running, pushing, fighting, yelling and any other behavior, which might threaten life, limb or property of any individual.
5. Students must board the bus at their assigned stop unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise.

### Boarding The Bus:

1. Wait for the bus to come to a full stop before approaching the bus.
2. Be sure all traffic has stopped and the driver has signaled before crossing the street.
3. Be polite and take your turn getting on the bus.
4. Use the handrail.

### Conduct On The Bus:

1. Students must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully. If a bus safety patrol is appointed and on duty, you must follow his/her directions.

2. Go directly to your seat and remain there until your bus comes to the stop where you will get off. The driver may assign seats.
3. No one is permitted to save a seat.
4. Do not stand or leave your seat.
5. Do not talk to the driver unless it is an emergency. Drivers must keep their minds on driving and their eyes on the road.
6. Talk quietly so the driver can hear traffic sounds. Loud, profane language or yelling is not permitted.
7. Keep arms, feet, books, musical instruments and all other items out of the aisles.
8. Band instruments or other large objects may, if they can, be held on their laps. Do not deprive another student of a seat and do not block the aisle. No animals may be transported on the bus.
9. Do not open or close windows, except when requested by the driver.
10. Keep hands and head inside the bus.
11. Do not stick anything out of the windows or throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
12. Impolite gestures or comments to passengers in other vehicles or pedestrians are not permitted.
13. No fighting or pushing is permitted.
14. No eating, drinking or chewing gum is permitted on the bus.
15. No smoking or other use of tobacco is permitted on the bus.
16. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the bus except for prescription medications.
17. Don't deface damage or litter the bus.
18. Do not tamper with the safety devices or any other equipment.
19. If requested by the driver, a student must give his/her correct name, address, school and homeroom.

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The Board furnishes transportation in compliance with Ohio law. This fact does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until the student boards the bus and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Students on the bus are under the authority of, and directly responsible to, the bus driver. The driver has the authority to enforce the established regulation for bus conduct. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the driver is sufficient reason for refusing transportation services or suspending transportation services to any student once due process procedures are followed.

The Board's policy regarding bus-driving privileges must be posted in a central location and made available to students upon request.

After Board approval, regulations regarding conduct on school buses, as well as general information about the school transportation program, are available to all parents and students.

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