

RULES FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

A school bus with undisciplined passengers is a hazardous bus. The misbehavior of the students can lead to accidents. The driver must concentrate on the driving task at hand and cannot be expected to constantly discipline the students while the bus is in motion. Therefore, for the safe operation of the school bus, students should be aware of and obey the following safety rules (from the Louisiana Department of Educations):

1. Cooperate with the driver; your safety depends on it.
2. Be on time; **the bus will not wait.**
3. Cross the road cautiously under the direction of the driver when boarding & leaving the bus.
4. Follow the driver's instructions when loading and unloading.
5. Remain quiet enough not to distract the driver.
6. Have written permission and be authorized by the principal to get on or off at a stop other than the designated stop.
7. **Remain seated** at all times when the bus is in motion.
8. Keep arms, head or other objects inside the bus at all times.
9. Do not throw objects in the bus or out of windows and doors.
10. Use emergency exits only for emergencies, and when instructed to do so.
11. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
12. Avoid the use or possession of tobacco, matches, cigarette lighters, obscene materials, weapons, drugs or other prohibited items on the bus.
13. Take no glass objects or other objects on the bus that are prohibited by state, federal law or local school board policies.
14. Take no band instruments, projects and other objects too large or too hazardous to be held by the passenger or stowed safely under the seat. They will not be permitted on the bus.
15. Do not damage the bus in any way.
16. Be courteous, and safety-conscious. Protect your personal riding privilege, and enjoy the ride.
17. Harassment and Bullying is prohibited.
18. Cell phone usage is prohibited while on the school bus

Any consistent violation of these rule will result in the loss of bus riding privileges.

Please read and review the Rules for School Bus Riders above and encourage your child to abide by these safety rules. Failure to comply can result in bus suspension and loss of riding privileges. Please sign below and return to the bus driver.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Student _____