

# Transportation Rules of Conduct

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Transportation is a privilege and should not be abused. Safe, efficient transportation service requires teamwork from parents, students, bus drivers, school staff members and administrators. Without such teamwork, there exists an increased risk of injury or death.

## Bus stops

- A bus stop is where students wait for the bus; the bus does not wait for the students.
- Students should be at their bus stops, ready to load, not waiting in vehicles, **5 minutes before pick-up time and waiting 10 minutes after the bus pick-up time for the bus. Buses will only pick up students standing at designated bus stops.**
- Inclement weather, ice and snow, and traffic tie-ups can delay the bus arrival time at stops.
- Once the bus door is closed and the bus is in motion, the bus will **not** stop for students who are late.
- Parents are responsible for supervising students at bus stops.
- Students are picked up and returned to the **same** bus stop to ensure their safety.
- Parents should accompany kindergarten and first-grade students to the bus stop in the morning and meet them in the afternoon. If an adult does not meet the afternoon bus, students will be transported back to school.
- At the beginning of the school year, young students should wear name tags pinned to their clothing - with their name, address, phone number and school - to ensure they are dropped off at the correct location.
- Stops are established according to state laws and regulations and are approved by the Board of Education.
- We recommend you know your child's school, bus number and bus driver's name. For the safety of students on the bus, adults are not permitted to board the bus.

## Bus conduct

- Safety of students is the first concern of the driver. Students **must** obey driver's instructions at all times.
- Students will locate their seat and remain seated for the entire ride.
- State law prohibits any food or beverage being consumed on the bus at any time.
- **Cell phone use on the bus is strictly prohibited.**
- **Pupil behavior that distracts the driver is a hazard and jeopardizes the safety and welfare of all passengers.**
- To ensure that a student understands that bus rules have been violated, the bus driver will first issue a verbal warning to the misbehaving student.
- Continued misbehavior will be written on a School Bus Incident Report and given to the school principal. Schools will notify parents of a student's misconduct and disciplinary action.
- Misbehavior or irresponsible actions are sufficient reason to suspend transportation services to those students.
- If a student's transportation is suspended, the student is still expected to attend school. (ORC 3327.014 and BOE Policy 8630)
- Buses may return to the school if students cannot control their behavior.