

TRANSPORTATION

School-Sponsored Trips

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to use transportation provided by the school to and from the event. The principal, however, may make an exception if the parent makes a written request that the student be released to the parent or to another adult designated by the parent.

Buses and Other School Vehicles

The district makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more mile from school. This service is provided at no cost to students. Bus routes and any subsequent changes are posted at school. Further information may be obtained by calling Jim Watson, Transportation Director, at 400 Harvey Street, (940) 665-1431.

See the Student Code of Conduct for provisions regarding transportation to the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program.

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses remain in good condition and the transportation is provided safely. When riding in district vehicles, students are held to behavioral standards established in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. Students must:

- Be in complete compliance with the district's dress code to board the bus.
- Recognize the driver as the one completely responsible for the operation of the bus.
- Be expected to observe the rules of courteous, considerate behavior on the bus at all times.
- Act in a respectful manner while riding a school bus. Students shall not in any manner harass or distract the bus driver.
- Move promptly to their assigned seats. The bus driver may assign seats.
- Remain in their assigned seats for the duration of the trip, and not move about in the bus while it is moving.
- Not yell, scream, whistle or play radios or cassette players on the bus. Confusion can divert the driver's attention any may result in a serious accident.
- Not extend any part of their bodies, clothing, or other articles out of the bus window.
- Keep books, packages, coats, and all objects out of the aisles.
- Not scuffle or fight on the bus.
- Not eat or drink on the bus, or litter the bus.
- Not mar or damage the bus in any way. Bus riders shall not tamper with the bus or any emergency equipment.
- Not smoke on the bus. Students shall not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs in any form on the bus.
- Not board or leave a bus through the emergency door except in an emergency.
- Not get off a bus except at home or school, unless authorized in writing by parent or legal or guardian and approved by the school principal. (Students cannot get off at high school in the afternoon except to change buses.)

When students ride in a district van or passenger car, seat belts must be fastened at all times.

Process for Maintaining Order on the Buses:

First Violation: The principal will assign consequences.

Second Violation: The principal will double the assigned consequences and conduct a parent conference.

Third Violation: The student will be removed from the bus for five (5) days.

Fourth Violation: The student is removed from riding the bus for the remainder semester/year (depending on the date of the incident.)

VIDEO CAMERAS

For safety purposes, video/audio equipment may be used to monitor student behavior on buses and in common areas on campus. Students will not be told when the equipment is being used.

The principal/director will review the tapes routinely and document student misconduct. Discipline will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.