

BUS SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Transportation is provided for eligible students only. Students must ride to and from the stop that is eligible for their home address.
2. An adult must meet kindergarten through second grade students the first **10** days of the school year and on early dismissal days. An adult must meet kindergarten students daily or provide written authorization to campus for release.
3. Permission to ride another bus or to use another bus stop on a ONE TIME EMERGENCY basis may be approved ONLY by a campus administrator, after consulting with the Transportation Department.
4. Students should arrive at the assigned bus stop **five minutes before** the designated pick-up time, and wait ten minutes after pick-up time before reporting a late bus. Bus drivers are instructed not to stop or open the door for late students due to safety concerns.
5. Students should stay off the roadway while waiting for the bus and refrain from pushing, shoving, fighting or inappropriate language.
6. Students should show respect for private and public property at the bus stop. The District has disciplinary authority over a student for any school-related conduct, regardless of time and location.
7. Students should **ALWAYS** cross in front of the bus and **only** at the driver's signal.
8. Space on the buses is limited and students must be able to hold books, band instruments, athletic equipment, science projects, etc., in their laps.
9. Students should be able to store anything carried on the bus in their backpack/bookbag. We will NOT transport glass, weapons, balls, balloons, live animals (except service animals in accordance with Board Policy), laser pointers, food such as candy, popcorn, snowcones, cupcakes, cookies, drinks, etc., on bus routes. Skateboards and scooters will not be allowed on the buses. Any of the objects listed will be confiscated by the driver.
10. **SILENT cell phones/electronic devices will be allowed on the bus. Students may text and/or use earbuds only. Phone calls may not be made or received while on the bus.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS

1. The Transportation Office will verify eligibility for Jr. High students. Students must present a campus identification badge upon request from the bus driver.
2. At no time will a student address comments to a bus driver in a disrespectful manner. Harassing or distracting the bus driver will not be tolerated.
3. Students shall not throw, pitch or shoot articles within the bus or out the windows. Glass objects or glass containers of any kind are not allowed on the bus.
4. Students shall not write upon, disfigure or destroy any part of the school bus.
5. Students shall not take or handle any emergency equipment inside the bus.
6. Students shall not extend any part of their body, clothing or other articles out of the bus window.
7. Students shall never board or leave a bus through the emergency door except in an emergency.
8. Students will not be allowed to move about in the bus while it is in motion.
9. Students shall not carry any weapons on the bus, as defined in the Student Code of Conduct.
10. Scuffling, fighting, and the use of obscene, vulgar, or profane language or signs are forbidden.
11. The use of tobacco, tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol on the bus is prohibited.
12. Students will not be allowed to get off a bus at an unscheduled bus stop unless authorized in writing by the parent or legal guardian and a campus administrator.
13. Bus riders shall not eat or drink on the bus, or litter bus with debris.
14. Bus riders will keep feet on the inside of seating space and not in the aisle.
15. No live animals (except for service animals subject to the limitations of Board Policy FBA(Legal)) will be transported on the school bus.
16. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.
17. Bus riders will abide by the Student Code of Conduct.

RESTRICTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

FIRST OFFENSE: Bus driver will warn the student verbally for first misconduct. Every attempt will be made at this time to correct the situation.

SECOND OFFENSE: Bus driver will complete HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD BUS CONDUCT REPORT and submit to the school principal, who will take disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Conduct. A copy of this report should be mailed to the parent stating what action has been taken.

THIRD OFFENSE: Bus driver will take the student to the school principal, who will inform the parent, in writing, that bus privileges have been removed. The length of removal will be determined by the principal. A copy of this letter will be sent to the director of transportation.

MAJOR OFFENSE: Any offense considered major by the school principal can result in the immediate removal of bus privileges. The parent will be informed in writing if bus privileges are removed. Bus riding privileges may be revoked for the remainder of the school year.

Consideration will be given to a special education student's individual disability before bus privileges are removed.

When bus privileges are revoked, the student cannot ride any bus during the period of suspension and parents or guardian are responsible for providing transportation.

Transportation is not provided to AEP.