



BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL BUS RULES and REGULATIONS

All school children, while being transported on a school bus, shall be under the supervision, direction, and control of the school bus driver and shall be subject to the discipline of the bus driver and the governing body of the school corporation.

The bus driver shall keep order, maintain discipline among the students while on the bus or along the route, and shall treat students in a civil manner seeing that no student is imposed upon or mistreated while in his/her charge. The school bus driver shall insure that the following regulations are observed by all passengers.

Before loading the Bus:

1. All students shall stay off of the roadway and berm until the bus is completely stopped, red lights are on, the stop arm is out, and then wait for the driver to signal for the student to load the bus.
2. The child must be at the bus stop upon arrival of the bus and ready to board the bus upon the drivers signal. If the student is not at the stop, the driver may signal the student with one honk of the horn, and then if the student is not in sight the driver may proceed. This practice is not required.
3. The student, when crossing the road way to the bus, must cross in front of the bus at least 15 feet in front so that they are in the drivers view at all times. While crossing in front of the bus the student should always watch the driver in case of and emergency.

While on the bus:

1. The bus driver is in charge and all students must listen and do what the driver asks them to do.
2. Upon entering the bus the student should go to their assigned seat immediately so that the driver may proceed with the route.
3. Bad language or vulgar hand language will not be tolerated and unnecessary loud noises or talking will not be permitted.
4. All students shall stay seated at all times that the bus is in motion and shall remain in their assigned seat unless permitted to move by the driver. It is necessary that all students keep their hands, feet, and head inside the bus and out of the aisle way or windows for everyone's safety. Nothing goes out the windows.
5. Throwing of any objects from the bus or on the bus will not be tolerated.
6. There shall be no eating, drinking, smoking, or chewing of gum or smokeless tobacco on the bus.
7. Students shall not damage the bus or any school property inside or outside the bus.
8. All students are required to use the front entrance of the school bus. No tampering with any emergency exit will be tolerated.
9. Any item that is not allowed in the school may not be transported in the bus nor any item that the driver feels is a safety hazard will not be allowed onto the bus.
10. There will be no shoes allowed to be worn on the bus that will mark or scar the bus floor; including, but is not limited to, cleats.
11. There shall be no carry on music devices allowed to be played without some sort of headphone/ear bud attachment.
12. No student shall be allowed to carry on the bus any type of glass bottle or plastic device intended to get another person wet, whether it be a squirt gun or squirt bottle.
13. Students will only be permitted to ride their assigned bus unless they have authorization from their school principal and the student's parent or legal guardian. This must be coordinated in advance (No bus hopping).

After Leaving the Bus

1. If the student must cross the road they must cross in front of the bus.
2. Students will be permitted to leave the bus only at their authorized stop unless a written permission slip is given to the driver from a school official.

Riding a School Bus is a Privilege not a Right, therefore it is important that you be on your best behavior at all times to keep from losing the privilege to ride the bus to and from school. **Student safety is our number one priority.**

- *As the parent or legal guardian of a student using school bus transportation I hereby acknowledge that I have gone over these rules and explained them to my child so he/she understands what is to be expected of them.*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student's Name (Printed)