

EATING ON THE BUS

In the past we have not allowed eating on the bus. Now that we have revised this policy a few things need consideration.

Students are NOT allowed to eat on route buses.

Eating on a travel bus by students will be at the driver's discretion. The group on board must have the driver's permission to eat on the bus! Sponsors, please be aware that your driver may not wish a particular group to eat on the bus for a variety of reasons. Sponsors should keep in mind that if their group is allowed to eat on the bus the responsibility is the sponsors. This includes any issues a student may have with choking, food allergies and reactions, and the care of a student should a problem arise. Sponsors are required to sit throughout the bus in order to monitor eating and behavior anytime students and sponsors are in the bus. The sponsor is also responsible for the cleaning of the bus. If a bus is not clean after a trip, that group will not have eating privileges on the bus for some time.

THE USE OF COOLERS ON TRAVEL BUSES

Any group traveling with a cooler: It is preferred that coolers be transported in the undercarriage of the bus. This may mean the purchase of a cooler that fits in the cargo hold. If a cooler is in the passenger area of the bus it must be restrained. If there are no straps to properly secure the cooler in a seat it must go in the cargo hold underneath the bus. Coolers in the passenger area must come through the side Emergency Exit door and occupy the seat directly across from the door. We have been tearing up the seats by dragging coolers between and on top of the seats. As stated it must be, and remain secured during travel. No cooler or gear will occupy the emergency exit areas; in front of the door or on the back deck. The seat behind the cooler will then become the new buffer seat and it cannot be occupied. Sponsors should have students get what they need from coolers before the bus begins to move. If something is required after the bus is moving it should be distributed to the student by the sponsor. Students are not to be out of their seats during transit!