

SALINE AREA SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

BUS RIDER RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations listed below have been developed after careful study of our experiences in operating the Transportation Department of Saline Area Schools. Parents, please go over these rules and regulations with your children so they will know what is expected of them when they ride the bus. Your cooperation and courtesy will allow us to better serve your children's transportation needs.

1. Be at your designated bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is expected to arrive and remain off the roadway while waiting for the bus. Buses cannot wait for tardy students.
2. Walk in front of the bus when crossing the road or highway. Do not walk in back of the bus.
3. Remain seated while the bus is in motion. Enter or leave the bus only at the front door, except in the case of an emergency.
4. No one may leave the bus without the bus driver's permission, except at home or at school. No unauthorized stops will be made. Grade K-6 students must have written permission for the bus driver from their parents to be dropped off at any place other than home.
5. All buses may be required to seat up to 71 passengers or 77 passengers, whichever is applicable. Sit three in a seat, filling the back seats in first when conditions require it. Keep your feet off of the seat cushions and backs, and out of the aisles. All belongings, including band instruments, are required to be held on the student's lap during transportation. Keep your head, arms, hands and legs inside the bus.
6. The bus driver should not be distracted by unnecessary or disturbing noises while the bus is in motion.
7. All items that are prohibited from school buildings and grounds are also prohibited from transportation (i.e. animals, insects, reptiles, sleds, skateboards, etc.). See school building guidelines if questionable.
8. Eating and drinking of beverages are not allowed.
9. Pupils may not possess, consume, or use the following on the bus: Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, drugs, cigarette lighters, matches (or other flammable items), laser lights, weapons (i.e. guns, knives, etc).
10. Will not allow any student to have lengthy items, (i.e. bead creatures) hanging from their backpacks. This is a potential hazard for anyone boarding a school bus.
11. Fighting, pushing, shoving, throwing, or other rowdy behavior will not be tolerated. Use of profanity or vulgar language is not acceptable.
12. Please report to the bus driver any damages you observe. If a student damages the interior or exterior of the bus, he/she will be responsible for payment of repair costs of these damages. When necessary, discipline procedures will be administered, and bus-riding privileges may be suspended.
13. Any student involved in a charge of sexual harassment will be subject to the discipline policy of his/her respective school.

Remember, school bus transportation is a privilege - not a right. Parents will be notified by means of a bus violation notice if there is continuous misconduct on the bus. When actions warrant, the Bus Driver, Transportation Director, or the Building Principal may administer suspension from bus riding privileges. Transportation information is available by calling the Transportation Office at 429-8065.