

SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE TO BE READ TO ALL STUDENTS. THEY WILL BE POSTED IN THE FRONT OF THE BUS AND WILL SERVE AS NOTICE TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS WHO RIDE THE NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES AND ARE TO BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING THE BUS.

- 1. STUDENTS MUST RIDE ONLY THE BUS(es) TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED.** Once a student gets on the bus they are not permitted to get off until they reach their destination or transfer point. No student will be permitted to board a bus other than at their designated stop. If a parent/guardian wishes to pick up their child after school and the child is on the bus, the parent must identify themselves to the driver and request the child be permitted to be discharged to the parents' care. If urgent, the parent/guardian must arrange transportation through the Transportation Office and follow-up with a note to the school for the students to ride another bus. ALL BUS CHANGES must be requested through the Transportation Office at (301) 863-8400 ext. 1124.
- 2. When a student gets off at their TRANSFER SCHOOL,** they must go directly to the transfer bus. If they do not get on the assigned bus, but instead get in a private vehicle, the bus driver will notify the Transportation Office and provide the name of the student. The parent/guardian and school disciplinarian will be advised.
- 3. NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO TRANSPORT OR HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION FIREARMS, OR ANY OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS (real or pretend) WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS.** This will result in immediate dismissal from the bus for the remainder of the school year. Students will also be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency / department.
- 4. THE USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, and TOBACCO IS PROHIBITED ON THE BUS AT ALL TIMES.**
- 5. NO FOOD OR DRINKS MAY BE CONSUMED ON THE BUS.** All food and/or drinks must be in closed un-opened containers (ie. Gum, candy, soda, etc.)
- 6. NO RADIOS, CD PLAYERS, IPOD's, CELL PHONES, ETC.,** are to be played while on the bus unless equipped with personal earphones. Sound levels will be kept at a minimum. Only the driver of the bus is permitted to use a cellular phone for operational safety reasons.
- 7. DO NOT EXTEND** any part of the body out of or discharge anything from the bus windows.
- 8. NO STANDING IS PERMITTED.** All students must be seated in their assigned seats while the bus is in motion until they are authorized by the driver to exit the bus. No student is permitted in front of the first row of seats.
- 9. NO LARGE BUNDLES OR ANIMALS** are permitted on the bus. Only packages or equipment that you can reasonably hold on your lap are permitted.
- 10. THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR LOUD, PROFANE OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE.**
Students may converse in a normal manner.
- 11. NO PENCILS OR PENS** are to be used; however open book studying is encouraged / permitted.
- 12. STUDENTS MUST COOPERATE IN KEEPING THE BUS CLEAN.** Any malicious or willful damage to a school bus will result in the immediate suspension of transportation privileges for the student or students involved, until the terms for the repair have been settled satisfactorily with the school disciplinarian and the parents / guardians of the students.
- 13. Students MUST** be at the bus stop 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME of the bus, and must be standing at the stop waiting to step on to the bus.
- 14. NO FIGHTING, CREATING DISTURBANCES, OR DISRUPTING THE DRIVER OR OTHER STUDENTS ON THE BUS WILL BE TOLERATED.**
- 15. ALL DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE DISCIPLINARIAN OF THE SCHOOL THE STUDENT ATTENDS AND THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN.** It is imperative that the parents/guardians are notified and given the reason and disciplinary action. There may be circumstances when the general rules will not apply. Other appropriate action may be necessary as determined by the disciplinarian of each school.
- 16. When ANY** of the rules or regulations are **NOT** being observed, the driver will complete and submit a Bus Behavior Report referral form to the disciplinarian of the school the student attends who will then make a determination of suspension and inform parent/guardian, driver and Transportation Office.
- 17. THE DRIVER OF THE BUS IS IN FULL CHARGE** of the students, except in the presence of a teacher. Any student's failure to obey a driver's directive(s) could result in suspension of transportation privileges.