

Policy of the Lancaster Board of Education

Students

**SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS**

**STUDENT BEHAVIOR/TRANSPORTATION**

Students behavior, while being transported by the School District, should conform with the same standards and expectations required in the classroom. Ladylike and gentlemanlike behavior is expected as described by rules below.

**A. GENERAL RULES**

1. Parents and pupils must assume that school transportation is a privilege to the student, not a right.
2. Remember that misbehavior may result in a student being suspended from school or being denied the privilege of riding on the bus.

**B. PREVIOUS TO LOADING (on the road and at school)**

1. Be on time at the designated bus stop.
2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Bus rides should conduct themselves in a safe while waiting.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter the bus. Please do not push or rush to get on the bus.
4. If there is no sidewalk or path, it is recommended that you walk on the side of the road facing traffic to get to the bus stop.
5. Use the grab rail and watch your step when getting on the bus.
6. Inform the bus driver, if possible, when a rider will be absent.

**C. WHILE ON THE BUS**

1. The driver is responsible for controlling the bus riders. Students must obey the driver promptly and with due respect.
2. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
3. Be courteous to fellow pupils, the bus driver, and the driver's assistants and to passers-by.
4. Swearing is discourteous and unacceptable language; offender's parents will be notified.
5. Always remain in your seats while the bus is in motion.
6. Remain in the bus in case of a road emergency, unless directed to do otherwise by the bus driver or chaperons.
7. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. Food will be allowed on extracurricular trips as long as bus is kept free of litter. Please place

wrappers, waste papers, and other litter, ect. In your pockets or litter containers provided.

8. Keep your hands and head inside the bus at all times.
9. Do not throw anything out of the bus window.
10. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisles; don't leave them on the bus.
11. A student who vandalizes a bus in any fashion shall be subject to disciplinary action. Damage to bus seat(s), ect., must be paid for by the offenders or offender's parents.
12. No smoking or chewing tobacco on school buses.
13. Keep noise down when approaching a railroad crossing stop.
14. Enter and leave the bus by way of the main entrance to the bus—use the emergency exit only when an emergency exists.

#### D. AFTER LEAVING THE BUS- STUDENTS SHOULD

1. Crossing the road, when necessary.
  - Cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
  - Check to make sure no traffic is approaching from either direction.
  - Watch the driver for a prearranged safe signal.
  - Sounding the horn means danger, stop where you are don't cross.
2. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
3. Riders are not permitted to leave the bus at other than regular stops, unless proper authorizations has been given in advance by parents and school officials.

#### E. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TRIPS

1. The above rules and regulations will apply to all extracurricular trips under school sponsorship as well as the home school transportation.
2. Pupils shall respect the cooperative directive wishes of chaperons and bus riders. Both bus drivers and chaperons curricular trips to the building Principal. Repeated occurrences shall also be reported.
3. Students who ride on a bus to an event must return on the same bus unless approved as outlined below:
  - a. The student's parent personally see the chaperon at the event and request that their child be transported home by some other means.
  - b. Parents may request their student (s) be permitted to ride alternate transportations providing a written request is presented before the end of the day of the event at Principal's office, and approved by the Principal.

Failure to comply with this regulation results in the denial of transportation on extracurricular activity trips in the future.

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