

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION BUS SAFETY RULES

The driver is in charge of all passengers. Students must obey the driver promptly and willingly.

When a teacher, coach, parent or any other district employee is assigned to accompany students on a bus, such person shall be responsible for the behavior of the students in their charge. However, the bus driver shall have final authority and responsibility.

Passengers shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times. They must have a bus pass to ride another bus.

No student shall be permitted to leave the bus except at his or her regular stop unless the student has a note approved by the school.

Elementary mid-day runs; No students shall be let off the bus without an adult present. If no adult is present, student will be taken back to school and it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pick up the student.

Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct must be observed.

Students shall stay seated at all times and face forward.

Students may be assigned a seat. The student will remain in assigned seat at all times unless permission to change is given by the driver.

Students are to assist in keeping the bus clean by holding on to all waste (i.e. Paper, pencils etc) until exiting the bus, at which time they may throw it in the waste basket .

No eating or drinking allowed unless authorized by transportation.

Fighting or vulgarity will not be tolerated.

No alcohol, illegal drugs, medications of any kind or tobacco shall be allowed on the bus. The only prescription medications allowed on a school bus are for students with medical needs under the direction of a doctor or school nurse. They must be kept in a secure place in the students backpack.

No student at any time shall extend head, hands or any other part of their body out of the windows.

Students shall maintain in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus, loading and unloading. Students will wait for the driver to give a signal when it's safe to cross the street. Never cross behind the bus.

No sharp or lethal objects such as guns, volatile chemicals, helium filled balloons, knives, sticks shall be allowed on the bus. Glass containers of any type will not be allowed.

No skateboards allowed on school buses.

No animals or insects of any kind shall be allowed on the bus. Service dogs are the only animals allowed on school buses.

Students must keep their personal belongings on their lap. All musical instruments that cannot be held on laps or on the floor in front of student's feet will not be allowed on the bus.

Students will reimburse the school district for damage to school buses resulting from misconduct and may be subject to loss of riding privileges.

Secondary students may be refused transportation if they refuse to properly identify themselves and there is a reasonable suspicion that the rider is not assigned to that bus.

The foregoing procedures apply to students transported to and from school, and those who are transported to other facilities including extra-curricular activities.

PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD