



## SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and his/her directions must be obeyed.
2. The driver will report any misconduct to the Principal of the school concerned.
3. The driver may assign specific seats to students at any time.
4. While the bus is in motion, students must not extend arms or heads out of windows, try to get on or off the bus, or move about within it.
5. Students must not throw paper or other waste materials on the floor or out of the window of the bus.
6. While on the bus, students must conduct themselves in a quiet and courteous manner, showing consideration for the comfort and safety of others.
7. Scuffling, fighting, smoking and the use of obscene language on the bus are prohibited.
8. Students must not distract the bus driver with portable radios or unnecessary conversations.
9. Students causing willful damage to a bus will be held fully accountable.
10. When leaving the bus, students must observe the instructions of the bus driver. They should not cross the road until after the bus has left the stop and there is a clear view in both directions.
11. Only certain equipment is permitted on school buses. In cases of dispute the final decision as to what may or may not be transported rests with the driver. The aisle must be clear at all times.
  - Musical instruments may be transported in their proper musical cases only and should be kept on the student's lap if possible or stowed as per the driver's instructions if space is available.
  - Skates and skateboards are not permitted on school buses unless they are in a closed duffle bag and stowed as per the driver's instructions.
  - Skis/poles and hockey equipment can only be transported on school buses that are equipped with storage space in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act.
  - Program related items may be transported if they can be stowed safely and there is enough room on the bus. Special arrangements must be made in advance between the Principal (or designate) and the driver of the bus.
  - Animals, birds, firearms, explosives, water pistols or dangerous items are not allowed on the buses.