

2023-2024 Bus Rules

School Busses are school property and therefore, an extension of the school classroom. All school policies regarding student safety, including student conduct, dress code, and possession of alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or vaping devices apply when riding a school bus.

Students at Bus Stop/Pick-Up

- * Students must be enrolled at their respective school to board/ride a bus to/from school.
- * Students may only ride their assigned bus. The Transportation Director must approve all transportation assignments and/or changes. Call Director, Lisa Pearson. 765.485.2406
- * Students should be at their stop 3-5 minutes before the expected pick-up time and be prepared to wait 3-5 minutes past the expected pick-up time.
- * Bus Drivers will NOT pick up and/or drop off students at any location other than the designated pick up and/or drop off spot.
If a child misses the bus, parents will need to deliver their child to school themselves.
DO NOT CHASE DOWN THE BUS.
- * Students will wait approximately 10 feet away from the road surface/on the sidewalk for the bus to approach. NO horseplay at the bus stop.
- * If crossing the roadway, students will wait and watch for the driver's signal that it is safe to cross.
- * Students should not approach the bus until the driver opens the door and signals that it is safe to board.
- * Students will cross only in front of the bus.

Students on the Bus

* Students will be assigned a seat by the driver. Girls and Boys will not be seated together unless they are siblings or at the driver's discretion.

*All Pre-K students are required by Indiana state law to be secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system.

*Students will remain seated and facing forward while the bus is in motion as well as when parked at their destination.

*Students are allowed to carry on up to **two bags** (backpack/computer/sports bag) but all belongings must sit with the student in their seat/lap. Musical instruments must fit on the student's lap or between their legs to stand on the floor. All sports equipment must be secured inside a bag, including all sports balls, bats, helmets, cleats, etc.

ELEMENTARY: All **recess toys**, including sports balls, must be secured inside a bag.

*Students may put down their individual window with the driver's permission. All body parts and belongings will remain inside the bus.

*Eating and/or Drinking on the bus will be at the driver's discretion.

*Students should use only kind words, speaking at a Level 1-2. No shouting or profane language. Use of the "F-word" will result in an automatic 1-day suspension of bus privileges.

*Students will keep all body parts and belongings to themselves and seated in their own seat space.

*Students may have electronic devices with them on the bus (phone, camera, tablet, gaming device, etc.). In doing so, they assume all risk for damage, loss, or theft. Students must have headphones or earbuds to use. Any distraction caused by the student or device while in use will result in the loss of privilege to use it on the bus.