

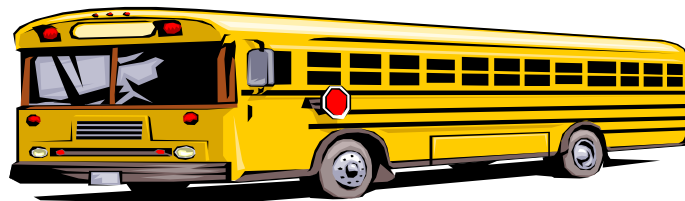


TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

It must be clearly understood that riding a school bus is a privilege – not a right. The bus driver is in charge and responsible to maintain and foster a healthy environment for all passengers, but the number one priority will be safety.

The following are safety rules. Please review them with your child/children:

1. Be out waiting for the bus early, allowing a 5-7 minute leeway. The bus is not required to stop, wait, or honk horn for late students.
2. Wait approximately 10 feet from the roadway in a safe spot where the driver can see you.
3. If crossing the roadway is necessary, WAIT for the signal from the bus driver or instruction over the bus PA. CROSS IN FRONT OF THE BUS 10-15 FEET OUT WHERE THE DRIVER CAN SEE YOU, KEEPING ALERT TO TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES.
4. Enter the bus in an orderly manner. Go directly to your assigned seat and remain there until your destination is reached. Remain seated until the door is opened.
5. Sit erect in your assigned seat, keeping arms, feet, legs, and school-related items out of the aisle.
6. Keep voices in a soft tone.
7. Expect to sit three students to a seat and only ride on the bus in which you are assigned, unless other arrangements have been made with the transportation department. The buses are scheduled to transport the maximum capacity per Public Act 187.
8. Classroom conduct standards are expected at all times.
9. Students are expected to go directly from their building to the bus area and get on their assigned bus promptly. No loitering in the bus area.
10. Skateboards, music devices, handheld games, and things of this nature are not allowed on the bus.



“BASIC” misconduct or acceptable conduct/safety violations that result in loss of bus service:

1. Failure to follow driver’s instruction.
2. Activities that take the driver’s attention off the roadway.
3. Rudeness, swearing, and obscene language or gestures.
4. Pushing, shoving, and hands on others.
5. Fighting – verbal or physical.
6. Horseplay, loud talking, or yelling.
7. Spitting, eating, or drinking on the bus.
8. Gross misconduct.

Alcohol, drugs, smoking, use of tobacco products, or weapons will be treated per the school district’s policy.

We use PROGRESSIVE discipline and consequences for those who choose to disregard the rules. The guidelines are:

TRANSPORTATION DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Drivers may use several techniques to control minor or mischievous offenses such as horseplay, excessive noise, or agitating other children. Assigning a seat in the front of the bus or writing bus rules multiple times are examples. In the event a "Warning Slip" is issued, it must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the driver before the student is allowed to ride the bus.

Minor Offenses

1. **Warning** Bus Conduct Report issued by Bus Driver or Bus Paraprofessional
2. **2nd Offense** Bus Conduct Report w/1 day bus suspension, issued by Bus Driver
3. **3rd Offense** Bus Conduct Report w/2 day bus suspension, issued by Transportation Supervisor
4. **4th Offense** Bus Conduct Report w/minimum of 3 day suspension and possible removal from bus, issued by Building Principal

All above suspensions will start the day after the conduct report is given to the student. All suspensions will require a call to the parents by: #2 driver, #3 supervisor, #4 principal

Major Offenses

Any incident which creates a potential health or safety problem or violates the severe clause will result in an immediate suspension from riding the bus and may result in suspension from school. The building principal will contact the parent or guardian. Examples of severe clause violations are, but not limited to: Fighting, Use of matches or lighters, Vandalism or destruction of property, Violation of Safety procedures (opening rear door while bus is in operation, etc.)

Major offenses will require no warning and the use of the bus conduct report must be filed.

- Any conduct which creates a potential health or safety problem for anyone can result in immediate suspension from riding the bus.
- Destruction of school property – 3 day suspension, plus restitution
- Fighting – 3 day suspension minimum
- Use of matches or lighters – 5 day suspension upon approval of building principal or superintendent
- Violation of safety procedures, such as opening the rear exit door while moving – 3 day suspension by building principal or superintendent

In addition any student who engages in or commits such acts listed below may be subjected to expulsion from school for up to 180 days as provided by the following:

- Physical or Verbal Assault towards employees or others
(PA 102, 103, 104, of 1999)
- Sexual Harassment or Intimidation
(MCL 377.2101 et seq. MCL 380.1300a. Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972)
- Possession of Weapons
(MCL 28.42, 380.1311 et. al.)
- Use or Possession of Alcohol, Drugs/Controlled Substances, or Tobacco

When suspension is issued, the driver will discuss the issue with the supervisor and building principal as deemed necessary as soon as possible after the incident has occurred. The building principal will contact the parent or guardian in cases of three or more days' suspension.

When it is determined that a special education student's behavior is not related to his/her handicap, the student will be subject to the consequences outlined in this handbook. Applicable state and federal special education laws and regulations will still be in effect.

Remind your children that riding the bus is a privilege not a requirement, and unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.

Failure to return a signed sheet may result in your child's loss of bus privileges.

**BEAVERTON RURAL SCHOOLS
RULES OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR
BUS RIDER RULES**

- 1) STUDENT MUST FOLLOW ALL RULES OF THE BEAVERTON RURAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS PRESCRIBED IN SCHOOL BOARD POLICY.
- 2) THE DRIVER MAY ASSIGN SEATS.
- 3) STUDENT MUST BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS.
- 4) THERE WILL BE NO PROFANITY OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR BEHAVIOR.
- 5) THERE WILL BE NO EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS.
- 6) THE STUDENT SHALL KEEP THE BUS CLEAN.
- 7) THERE WILL BE NO FIGHTING OR DISTURBING OF OTHERS.
- 8) ALL STUDENTS SHALL REMAIN SEATED FACING FORWARD WITH THEIR FEET ON THE FLOOR IN FRONT OF THEM.
- 9) NO ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THE BUS.
- 10) ALL STUDENTS MUST KEEP THEIR HANDS, HEAD, SALIVA, AND OTHER BODY PARTS INSIDE THE BUS AT ALL TIMES.
- 11) ALL STUDENTS MUST SHOW RESPECT FOR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.
- 12) ALL NOISE MUST BE KEPT TO A MODERATE LEVEL.

The bus driver and/or school administrator may impose penalty for rule infractions as may be prescribed by school board policy as provided. It must be understood by the student that any instruction given to the student by the bus driver is for overall health, safety, and welfare of the student(s) and must be followed.

- 1) My name is _____ and I am a student in the Beaverton Rural Schools.
- 2) I desire to ride the school bus to and/or from school.
- 3) I have read and reviewed the rules pertaining to the behavior required of me while on the bus.

I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL RULES AND DIRECTIONS FROM THE BUS DRIVER AS ABOVE OUTLINED.

DATED

X _____
Student Signature

X _____
Parent Signature (witness)

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE RULES MAY BE IMPOSED