

Safe Student Transportation Expected Student Conduct

Other reference Policy EEAEC

Policy JK and JK-R (Student Discipline) shall control student discipline related to misconduct by students on school buses, district vehicles, or any transportation provider utilized by the district.

NOTE: These rules apply to bus routes, field trips and athletic trips.

- 1. Obey the bus driver and assistant at all times.
- 2. Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time in the morning.
- 3. Stand a safe distance from the curb or roadway.
- 4. Respect the driver & assistant and other bus passengers.
- 5. When crossing the street by the school bus, always cross <u>10 feet in front</u> of the bus. Wait for the driver's signal to cross.
- 6. Sit guickly and guietly in the assigned seat. Remain seated facing forward in your assigned seat while the bus is moving. The aisle is not to be blocked at any time.
- 7. Do not throw anything off the bus or have any part of you outside the bus.
- 8. Talk in normal tones; loud rude, vulgar or obscene language is prohibited.
- 9. No bullying, harassment, aggressive behavior or discriminatory or abusive language toward the driver or other persons, on or off the bus. It is unsafe and prohibited.
- 10. State law and/or District policy prohibits the following items on school buses:
 - Alcohol/drugs/tobacco
- Weapons or facsimiles
- Animals, insects or reptiles

- Glass items
- Legally prohibited substances
- Explosives • Other dangerous objects • Fireworks (including smoke and stink bombs)
- 11. All items carried by students (i.e. band instruments, athletic equipment, backpacks, etc.) must be under their control at all times, and must be carried in the lap, or properly secured in a vacant seat or under seat. Instruments cannot occupy needed seating space or be placed in the driver's compartment, aisle, or in the step well.
- 12. Skateboards, scooters and roller blades are not allowed on the school bus.
- 13. Students are permitted to leave the bus only at their designated stops. Any changes require a parent/legal guardian's written request, approved by a school administrator and by Transportation Services.
- 14. Only students and school personnel regularly assigned to the bus for a particular route or excursion will be allowed to ride on a school bus unless special permission is granted by a Transportation Services administrator or school official in charge.
- 15. Keep the bus clean and free of damage.
- 16. Should any student persist in violating any of these rules, it will be the duty of the driver or paraprofessional within Transportation Services to notify their supervisor to conduct parents to address the behavior.

Additional Information:

For more on the school's, student's, parent's and Transportation Services' role in Bus Safety, visit the "Training & Safety" tab on the "Information for Schools and Departments" page at Transportation.dpsk12.org.