



BUS REGULATIONS

We want to keep our students safe at all times. Bus riders are expected to follow the OES expectations of being **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, AND A PROBLEM SOLVER** when riding the bus and at the bus stops.

RULE 5. BUS REGULATIONS within the Collier County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct (p.19), which can be accessed by clicking “parents” from the School District website. Please take a moment to access, view, and discuss these regulations with your child if s/he is a bus rider. These regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

RULE 5. BUS REGULATIONS

A STUDENT IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DRIVER WHILE RIDING THE BUS.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF RIDING PRIVILEGES.

A. Responsibilities of Students

1. Occupy the seat assigned by the driver and to refrain from moving out of the seat at all times.
2. Observe expected classroom conduct while entering, riding, and/or leaving the bus.
3. Obey reasonable requests of the driver at all times and to report promptly to the school administrator when instructed to do so by the driver. Refrain from talking to the driver while the bus is moving.
4. Cooperate with school personnel at the bus ramp, so that loading and unloading may be conducted with safety and courtesy.
5. Be at the designated place in the morning ready to board the bus at least five minutes before the scheduled time. Orderly conduct is expected at the bus stop. The driver is responsible for maintaining a schedule and cannot wait for tardy students.
6. Refrain from having food or drink in the bus area or on the buses.
7. Refrain from having or using tobacco in the bus area or on the buses.

B. Safety of Students

1. Stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for the bus.
2. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to board.
3. Remain in the seat until the bus has come to a complete stop and leave the bus only with the consent of the driver
4. Enter or leave the bus only at the front door after the bus has come to a stop, except in case of an emergency or bus evacuation drill.
5. Cross the road, in the following manner:

- a. Make certain the bus is stationary.
- b. Exit the bus, stand at the side of the road within the sight and hearing of the driver and wait for the proper signal for crossing.
- c. Upon signal from the driver, look both to the right and left and proceed across the road 12 feet in front of the bus.

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6. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus windows at all times.
7. Refrain from throwing objects out of the bus windows or at a bus.
8. Place band instruments on the lap or under the seat.
9. Obtain written approval of the school Principal to change from the authorized bus stop.
10. Be silent at all railroad crossings.
11. Refrain from fighting/pushing/tripping while boarding, riding, and leaving the bus.
12. Refrain from using abusive or profane language.
13. Refrain from having nuisance items on the bus, e.g., animals, water guns, sharp objects, glass items and/or toys.
14. Refrain from using cell phones and/or other electronic communication devices unless authorized by the driver.

C. Responsibilities of Parents

1. Ensure that their children arrive at the bus stop in the morning on time.
2. Provide necessary protection for their children in going to and from bus stops.
3. Accept joint responsibility with school authorities for the proper conduct of their children at the bus stop and on the bus.
4. Make reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with those responsible for student transportation.
5. Assume the responsibility of meeting the bus at their child's stop if the student is physically disabled.

Disciplinary Action: Student suspension from the use of school transportation is a disciplinary option. In cases where transportation violations occur, the school Principal, Assistant Principal, or Designee will resolve disciplinary problems, using the *Code* as a guide for disciplinary action and possible criminal penalties (including, but not limited to, ISS/OSS, alternative placement, expulsion, and/or referral to appropriate authorities).