

Bus Rules



Expectations	Rules
Be Safe	Stay Seated
	Wear your seatbelt
	Don't put anything out the window
	Don't throw anything
	Silence at the railroad
Be Respectful	Keep your hands to yourself
	No foul language
	Use "inside voice"
	Listen to the driver or aide
	Electronic Devices: (None for K-6) Ear phones required. No videos or pictures taken. No phone calls.
Be Responsible	Be on time (Arrive to stop 10 minutes prior to scheduled bus arrival)
	Keep seat area clean
	Sit in assigned seat
	Stay out of the aisle
	Only Water - No other food or drinks

FLAGLER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUS RULES FOR STUDENTS

RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE. DO NOT ABUSE IT.

- STUDENTS MUST BE AT THE BUS STOP **10 MINUTES BEFORE** THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME. THE BUS DRIVER CANNOT WAIT ON A TARDY STUDENT.
- STUDENTS WILL BE WAITING AT THE BUS STOP (NOT SITTING IN CARS THEN RUNNING WHEN THE BUS STOPS) – UNLESS IT IS INCLEMENT WEATHER. **THIS IS A SAFTY MEASURE!**
- STUDENTS MUST STAND OFF THE ROADWAY AT LEAST **5 FEET** AT ALL TIMES.
- **THE BUS DRIVER HAS THE AUTHORITY AND WILL ASSIGN STUDENTS TO SEATS.**
- SEAT BELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON BOARD A BUS EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS. Failure to wear your seat belt could result in a bus referral.
- STAY IN YOUR SEAT AT ALL TIMES, WHETHER THE BUS IS MOVING OR NOT.
- STUDENTS MAY NOT CHANGE SEATS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF BUS DRIVER.
- KEEP HEAD, HANDS, AND ARMS INSIDE THE BUS AT ALL TIMES.
- NO UNNECESSARY CONVERSATION WITH THE DRIVER WHILE S/HE IS DRIVING.
- ORDINARY CLASSROOM CONDUCT IS TO BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES. **No talking loudly, yelling, or screaming is allowed.**
- **ABSOLUTE SILENCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS.** FAILURE TO OBEY THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN A BUS SUSPENSION.
- ABSOLUTELY NO EATING, DRINKING, CHEWING GUM, SMOKING OR POSSESSION OF TOBACCO OR ILLEGAL DRUGS (WATER ONLY IS ALLOWED).
- ABSOLUTELY NO WEAPONS or LASERS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS
 - THIS INCLUDES TOYS OR REPLICAS.
- VANDALISING OR DAMAGING THE BUS IN ANY WAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. **This will result in fines/payment to fix any damages.**
- ELECTRONIC DEVICES: IF LISTENING, MUST HAVE EAR PHONES. NO TAKING OF VIDEOS OR PICTURES. NO CALLS ALLOWED.
- **SEE PAGES 29-32 OF 2016-2017 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PAGES 31-35 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION RULES.**

**THE FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION.
NUMBER OF DAYS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL**

- POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS (REAL, TOYS, OR REPLICAS), ILLEGAL DRUGS, OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND LASER PENS.
- STUDENTS INVOLVED IN FIGHTING.
- USE OF MATCHES, LIGHTERS OR FIREWORKS.
- HARASSMENT OF A SEXUAL OR RACIAL NATURE
- THROWING OF OBJECTS IN OR OUT OF BUS.
- USE OF ANY OBJECT OR SITUATION CAUSING A SAFETY PROBLEM.
- ANY OTHER INFRACTIONS IN THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT.

Bus Expectations:

- The bus is an extension of the classroom. Our professional bus drivers should receive the same respect your student's teacher does.
- The bus rules and directions from driver must be followed because it affects the safety of your student and every student on board.
- We follow the district's Discipline Matrix along with specific additions dealing with the bus.

Unsafe Behavior on the Ride Home:

1. If unsafe behavior occurs before the bus leaves the school, the student will be provided with two options:
 - a. Correct the behavior and continue home (*behavior documented*) or
 - b. Be referred to the school administrator to be removed from the bus and sent to the office to contact their parent to pick them up.
2. If unsafe behavior occurs after the bus leaves the school, the operator will call Dispatch. The Dispatch operator will assess the situation and then make a determination on either returning the student back to school or continuing on.
3. If either of the above instances occurs, the Graduated Discipline Plan will be in effect.

We also follow a defined and graduated discipline plan to encourage the student to make better behavior choices.

Graduated Discipline Plan

1st Offense: Bus Operator conferences with the Student and the Parent to explain the unsafe behavior. Driver writes an incident report and turns in to the school's Transportation Specialist.

2nd offense (same or equal to): Bus Operator speaks with student again and writes referral & turns in to the specific school's Transportation Specialist. The school administrators will decide the discipline level.

3rd Offense: Referral submitted to the school with a recommendation for bus suspension. Upon return, student will be on probation and re-assigned to the front of the bus for one (1) week.

4th Offense: Referral submitted to the school with a recommendation for bus suspension. Upon return, student will be on probation and re-assigned to the front of the bus for two (2) weeks.

Some offences are severe enough to skip levels above such as violence, safety issues to self or others, weapon possession and such. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct.