

All students attending the Bellevue Public Schools and meeting the eligibility requirements for bus transportation prescribed by the district are entitled to use the transportation facilities of the district so long as their conduct is not detrimental to the safety and welfare of others or to the safe operation of the school bus.

Rules for passenger conduct on school buses will be made available to each student at the beginning of each year. These rules will also be posted in each bus. If suspension is warranted, the procedures relating to suspension as adopted by the Board shall be followed.

The bus driver has authority and responsibility for the behavior of passengers using school district transportation. Teachers, coaches, other certificated staff members, or chaperones assigned to accompany students on buses have primary responsibility for the behavior of students in their charge. However, the bus driver shall have final authority and responsibility.

IT'S FUN TO RIDE THE BUS, SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- OBEY THE DRIVER AT ALL TIMES
- TALK QUIETLY AND USE PROPER LANGUAGE
- EATING OR DRINKING IS FOR OTHER PLACES THAN THE SCHOOL BUS
- CHEWING GUM OR TOBACCO IS NOT ALLOWED
- KEEP THE BUS CLEAN, USE THE GARBAGE CAN
- STAY IN YOUR SEAT AT ALL TIMES
- KEEP AISLE CLEAR AT ALL TIMES
- ASK DRIVER BEFORE OPENING WINDOW - KEEP HEAD AND HANDS INSIDE BUS
- NO SMOKING OR FLAMING DEVICES
- DON'T THROW THINGS IN OR AT THE BUS
- RESPECT THE BUS AND OTHERS' PROPERTY
- BE AT THE BUS STOP 5 MINUTES EARLY
- CROSS STREET IN FRONT OF BUS - NEVER BEHIND IT
- NO CHANGING STOPS WITHOUT A PASS
- SKATEBOARDS MUST BE ENTIRELY CONTAINED IN A BAG TO BE BROUGHT ONTO THE SCHOOL BUS

STUDENT CONDUCT

We expect the best conduct from each rider; therefore, in order to maintain that quality the following discipline procedures will apply:

A pupil who violates bus rules may be issued a citation by the bus driver or school officials. Citation will be signed by the parent and returned to school.

The bus driver will prepare a citation in quadruplicate listing the misconduct, student's name, school attended, time, date, route, and bus numbers.

The bus driver will mail the original copy to the parent or guardian, the school and driver copies to the school principal, and the transportation copy to the transportation supervisor.

The driver will notify the transportation department immediately (in person, by radio, or telephone) and transmit the report to the building principal. The transportation department will notify the parent or guardian immediately and will provide the principal with necessary information.