

Dell Rapids School District #49-3

Policies and Regulations Code: JFCC – Students



JFCC STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Buses are provided for those students whose distance from school or health makes this service essential. Misconduct on buses will not be tolerated and will result in forfeiture of the privileges of riding.

Students are expected to discipline themselves and comply with the instructions of the bus operator. The driver will be in full charge of the bus and the passengers. There must be no disturbance of any kind that might distract the driver and imperil the safety of the passengers.

Students will observe the following rules of conduct while riding school buses:

1. Students must be on time at bus stops. Students should always be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to be there. Students should remain away from the roadway while awaiting the arrival of the bus.
2. The bus drivers shall not start the bus until all students are seated. While the bus is in motion all students must remain seated. When students are leaving the bus, they must wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before leaving their seats. This rule is critical to student safety and must be enforced.
3. Students must keep their hands, arms, and heads inside the bus at all times.
4. Students should not cross a highway before the bus arrives.
5. When leaving the bus, if it is necessary to cross the road, do not cross before the driver signals you to do so. Students should cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus and cross only after looking both ways to be sure no cars are approaching from either direction.
6. Bus drivers will not discharge students at any place other than the regular bus stop at home or at school without proper authorization from the parents or school officials.
7. The aisles must be kept clear. All articles such as athletic equipment, books and book bags, musical instruments, etc., must be kept out of the aisles.
8. Conversation must be carried on in a normal tone of voice. Shouting, screaming, running, fighting, vulgar language, and pushing are not permitted on the bus. When approaching a railroad crossing, absolute quiet is required.
9. It is against state laws to throw anything from a vehicle upon the streets or highways.
10. Students will not be destructive (removing screws from back of seats or cutting upholstery) as it could affect the safety of the bus. Any damage to the bus will be paid for by the rider or riders inflicting the damage and will be subject to suspension or expulsion from school.
11. The driver of the bus is in charge and must be obeyed.
 - a. In the event of road emergency, children are to follow the directions of the driver.
 - b. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.
12. Drivers and students will treat each other with mutual respect. If a student becomes a problem the bus driver will assign the students to a seat and inform the student of what is expected of him or her. The driver will also inform the parents of his or her action and why it was necessary to take the action.

If the student continues to violate the bus regulation after he or she has been assigned a seat, the driver will report the violation to the appropriate principal. (Public or St. Mary's)

The principal will talk to the student and inform the parents of the rule violation, and will inform the parents that another violation will result in the student losing the bus privileges for the balance of the school year.

Students are expected to obey the rules or they will lose the privilege of riding the bus. Drivers are expected to enforce the rules or they will be replaced.

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