

<p>NORTH PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p> <p>BUS PROCEDURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS</p>

The North Providence School District's (NPSD) primary concern with bus transportation is for the safety and welfare of all students. It is of paramount importance that the NPSD employees, parents, and students take precautions while at designated bus stops, entering and exiting the bus, and while riding the bus.. Students and Parents/Guardians are requested to report any dangerous or hazardous situations which they may observe while at the bus stop. Riding a bus is a privilege which may be withdrawn in cases of severe or persistent misbehavior.

Rules for Students Riding School Buses

1. The driver/monitor is in full charge of the bus and students while students are entering and exiting the bus and riding the bus. Students must obey the driver/monitor promptly and willingly at all times.
2. Students shall ride their regularly assigned bus, unless permission has been granted by the school principal for the student to ride a bus other than their regularly assigned bus. The alternative bus shall be identified by the building administrator when such permission is granted.
3. Students must be picked up and dropped off at their assigned bus stop and are prohibited from entering or exiting a bus at a stop other than their assigned bus stop.
4. Students must enter and exit the bus in an orderly manner. Students are to enter and exit the bus only once the bus has come to a full and complete stop and the bus doors have been fully opened. Students are prohibited from pushing or shoving while at the bus stop and while entering or exiting the bus. When entering or exiting the bus, students should be in view of the driver/monitor at all times. Students must cross the street at least 10 feet in front of the school bus and never behind the bus.
5. Students shall not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus. Students should leave home early enough to arrive at their assigned bus stop before the bus is due to arrive. When the bus approaches the stop, students shall remain over to the right side of the road, completely off the road, until the bus makes a complete stop. Students shall not cross the street until given permission by the bus driver/monitor.

6. Students who have to walk some distance along the street to their assigned bus stop, where practicable, shall walk on the left hand side facing oncoming traffic. This will also apply to students walking home after exiting the bus at their assigned bus stop.
7. Each student may be assigned a seat by the driver/monitor or school principal. Students are to remain seated in those assigned seats for each and every bus ride, unless permission to change is given by the school principal and/or driver.
8. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
9. Unless stated otherwise by the driver/monitor or school principal ordinary conversation is permissible while riding the bus. Students are to be respectful of the driver/monitor. The school code of conduct shall be observed and enforced for all students while riding on the bus and while waiting for the bus at their assigned bus stop.
10. No student shall sit in the driver's seat, nor shall any student stand to the immediate left or right of the driver.
11. No student shall interfere with the driver, enter into conversation with the driver, or otherwise distract the driver while the bus is in motion, unless to report an emergency to the bus driver.
12. During emergency drills students shall be prompt, orderly and courteous. Emergency drills are to be treated the same as fire drills in the school buildings. In the event of an actual emergency, emergency exit procedures, as established by the emergency exit drills, shall be followed.
13. No student shall open a window on the school bus without first getting permission from the driver.
14. No student shall at any time extend their head, hands or arms out of the windows, whether the school bus is in motion or standing still.
15. Students shall have nothing in their possession that may cause injury to another such as sticks, breakable containers, any type of firearms, weapon, or replica weapon. Also no animal is permitted on the bus, except for district approved assistant animals.
16. Students shall keep all their personal belongings with them on or below their assigned seat. No student's personal belongings shall be kept or stored in the bus aisle. Special permission must be granted by school administrators for students to transport any large items.
17. Students are to assist in keeping the bus clean by keeping their wastepaper off the floor. Students shall refrain from throwing trash out of the window. Eating while on the bus is prohibited.
18. No student shall smoke, vape, or use matches or lighters on the bus.
19. The use of alcohol or drugs on a school bus is prohibited.
20. Parents shall be responsible and make reimbursement to the NPSD for any damage of a school bus caused by their student.

21. Students' misconduct on a bus shall be sufficient reason to discontinue providing bus transportation for that student.

DISCIPLINE CODE FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

First Offense - Students shall be reported to the school principal and parents/guardians will be notified. Suspension from riding the bus may occur.

Second Offense - Students shall be suspended from riding the bus for two (2) days. The school Principal will notify the parent/guardian and follow school procedure according to the District Code of Conduct.

Third Offense - Students shall be suspended from riding the bus for two (2) weeks.

NOTE: After the third offense, the parent/guardian of the student must contact the school principal and arrange for an appointment before the student is allowed back on the bus.

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