

MILLER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transportation Department

RULES FOR BUS RIDERS

Rules apply to students who are waiting for, entering, leaving or riding school buses. The purpose of these rules is to ensure a safe and pleasant journey to and from school and on school functions.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT AT SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONES

Students should wait in an orderly fashion while at the bus stop in the morning. They should be at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the posted stop time. Students should be at least six feet back from the main traveled portion of the roadway and visible to the driver. Pushing, shoving or horseplay are not allowed at the bus stop. Students should be mindful of the bus stop location. Many are in driveways and on private property. Students are not allowed to throw rocks or other objects, run around, cause excessive noise, touch or tamper with the other private property or vehicles nearby. Once the bus arrives students shall wait for the driver to come to a complete stop and the door of the bus to open before they begin to move forward to the bus. Students should board the bus one at a time, using the available handrails, and move quickly to the assigned seat. If a student drops papers or other objects while boarding the bus he/she should get the attention of the driver. Students should be instructed **NEVER TO GO UNDER OR NEAR THE BUS TO RETRIEVE PAPERS OR OTHER OBJECTS** as the driver may not be able to see a student in one of these locations.

BUS ROUTES

Drivers may not deviate from established routes or accommodate special requests.

Students not specifically assigned to a bus route will ride on a space available basis only.

If the student is to deviate from his or her normal bus stop for any reason, **they must have a written note signed by the parent.**

Bus Drivers have been instructed not to accept verbal communication regarding a bus stop change for any student.

BUS RULES

The driver is responsible for the safe and orderly conduct of bus riders. Students are under the authority and direction of the driver. Disobedience or disrespect is not allowed.

THE BUS PASS IS SHOWN TO THE DRIVER WHEN ENTERING THE BUS.

THE TICKET IS HANDED TO THE DRIVER WHEN ENTERING THE BUS.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Any activity that distracts the driver.
- Loud noise.
- Throwing objects in the bus.
- Throwing objects out of window.
- Destroying or defacing property.
- Tampering with property.
- Leaving or changing seats.
- Eating or littering.
- Use of profane language or gestures.
- Failure to show the bus pass when boarding.
- Putting any part of the body out of windows.
- Fighting, scuffling or annoying other riders.
- Spitting

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PENALTIES FOR RULE VIOLATIONS

A "Bus Conduct Report" which is signed by the driver and the school administrator will notify parents of unacceptable behavior or other rule violations. The parent and the student will be notified of the citation by the school administrator. Penalties are determined by the school administrator. Typical penalties are:

1st Citation

Three (3) school days suspension of bus riding privileges.

***Plus 25 minutes detention.**

2nd Citation

Five (5) school days suspension of bus riding privileges.

***Plus 50 minutes detention.**

3rd Citation

Ten (10) school days suspension of bus riding privileges;

*** Plus one month L.O.P. (Loss of privileges)**

*** Plus 100 minutes detention.**

4th Citation

Permanent loss of bus riding privileges;

*** Plus one month L.O.P. (Loss of privileges)**

*** Plus 100 minutes detention.**

***Miller Creek School Only**