

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

RULES OF CONDUCT ON BUSES

Pupils are under the jurisdiction of the school authorities from the time they board the bus to school until they leave the bus which returns home. It is a privilege to ride on the school bus. If riders are not well behaved and courteous, they endanger the health and safety of other riders and may be deprived of the privilege of riding. A bus driver's authority on the bus is comparable to that of a classroom teacher. Greenfield Public Schools reserves the right to assign students to specific seats.

1. Pupils are assigned to specific bus stops for transportation to and from school. Pupils are to be on time at the location,* are to respect the property of homeowners, are to stand back from the roadway and should refrain from horseplay while awaiting the arrival of the bus.
2. * (Note: Please allow +/- 10 minutes from designated time of pickup/discharge to actual time of pickup/discharge.)
3. Pupils should wait for the bus to stop , board the bus promptly and take seats toward the rear of the bus (unless otherwise assigned by the driver) with the exception of kindergarten students. Enough seats are to be reserved at the front of the bus to accommodate kindergarten students.
4. Pupils should always face the front of the bus while seated, talk quietly, keep aisles free of all objects and refrain from any and all horseplay.
5. Windows are not to be opened without the permission of the driver. Emergency equipment should only be used upon instruction of the driver.
6. Food and/or drink is not to be consumed on the bus at any time.
7. Smoking is prohibited at all times.
8. Bus drivers furnish school administrators with written notice of any rules infractions by students. These notices are referred to as "big tickets." Tickets will be reviewed by the school administrator with the student. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken and notification will be forwarded to the parent/guardian, the Superintendent's office and the issuing driver.
9. Only eligible and/or authorized students may ride assigned buses on assigned routes.

Infractions are to be reported to the school principal by the bus driver by the end of each day. Other persons having any complaint should put it in writing along with their signature and submit the grievance to the school principal concerned. The principal will then investigate the problem and take appropriate action.

Minor infractions of regulations will result in the issuance of bus tickets. The principal will determine the appropriate disciplinary action after meeting with the student and will notify the parent/guardian immediately.

Major infractions such as, but not limited to, vandalism, tampering with the emergency door or other safety equipment, consumption of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, fighting, the lighting of matches or other flammable items, or disrespect and insubordination to the driver will be dealt with on a single offense basis by the principal and may result in an immediate loss of bus privileges, school disciplinary action, legal action or all three.

SOURCE: MASC
CROSS REF.: Parent/ Student Handbook