

Bus Transportation - (Policy 4:110)

Students using free bus transportation should understand that they are under the jurisdiction of the school from the time they board the bus until they are deposited at school or the stop nearest their home. Bus service is provided to all eligible students. There is no charge to the student for this bus service. Bus drivers are responsible for the lives of all students on their buses and will not be required to transport any individual who is a disciplinary problem. If a bus fails to arrive or make a scheduled stop or if you have trouble finding the proper route, call 847-599-4787.

It is the policy of the School District to permit the use of video cameras on the school buses for the primary purpose of reducing and documenting disciplinary problems and vandalism on the buses, thereby reducing distractions to the driver, improving safety and protecting the bus property. Video tapes may be used with or without audio components. Students may be disciplined based in whole or in part on videotape evidence of misconduct.

In appropriate circumstances, the Superintendent is authorized to show a videotape to other government agencies, including law enforcement agencies and/or the Department of Children and Family Services.

Students violating disciplinary or safety rules may have their riding privileges revoked. After such action it becomes the responsibility of the parents to transport the student.

STUDENTS MUST DISPLAY THEIR I.D. CARD UPON BOARDING THE BUS. The I.D. card will only allow a student to ride the bus to which he/she has been assigned.

1. Dress properly for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps, etc. on all clothing, backpacks and other items, are shortened or removed to lessen the likelihood of them getting caught in bus doors, railings or aisles.
2. Arrive on time at the bus stop and stay away from the street while waiting for the bus.
3. Stay away from the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing. Always use the handrail.
4. Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
5. Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
6. Always listen to the driver's instructions. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Remain seated, keeping your hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times.
7. Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
8. Stay out of the danger zone next to the bus where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. Move ten feet away from the bus and out of the danger zone, until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Never crawl under a bus.
9. If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.
10. Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.