

BUS RIDER RULES AND REGULATIONS
SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR CODE
New rules as of 8/2011
P A R E N T C O P Y

Bus riding is a privilege. Privileges for students to ride a bus are conditional on his/her good behavior and observance of the rules listed below. Students should abide by their STUDENT HANDBOOK rules while on the bus or at the bus stop. All buses may be videotaped at anytime. Failure to follow any of the bus rules will result in disciplinary action as listed below. All students will obey directions given by the bus driver.

1. Students must be outside waiting at the designated bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time, regardless of weather conditions. Students should dress appropriately. The bus will stop only at designated stops and only if children are visible.
2. Respect people and their property while waiting on the bus. Students must receive proper school official authorization to be discharged at places other than the regular bus stop.
3. Students will sit facing forward, backs against the seat back, feet on the floor and out of the aisle. Students should never be out of their seats while the bus is moving. Drivers have the authority to assign seats.
4. Keep all body parts inside the bus at all times.
5. All food, drinks, candy and gum will not be consumed on the bus. These items must be stored in student's book bags, backpack or lunchbox.
6. Courtesy transportation will not be allowed: I.E. daycare, scouts, dance, gymnastics, etc. Bus rider guests must have approval from the Principals office and is contingent upon available space on the bus.
7. All riders are responsible to assist in keeping the bus safe and clean at all times by picking up around their seat. All trash must be placed in the trashcan before entering or exiting the bus. Students should never open emergency doors or windows, unless directed to do so by the driver or an emergency warrants.
8. No articles are allowed aboard the buses that are injurious or objectionable in nature. Only items that can be stored in students lap or between their feet on the floor in front of them will be allowed on the bus. Items cannot be stored in the aisle or in the area around the bus driver. This includes personal athletic equipment and band instruments. Skateboards will not be transported on buses.
9. Flowers, balloons, show and tell items and science projects must be transported by private vehicle.
10. Mischief is prohibited. Remember loud talking, laughing or unnecessary noise can divert the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident. Students should be quiet at railroad crossings.
11. Any destruction of school property is a criminal act. Please treat the buses with respect. Any damage to school property will be paid for by the offenders and or their parent / guardian.
12. Help lookout for safety and comfort of younger / smaller children. Be courteous to fellow students, the bus driver and bus assistants. Students must obey all directions or suggestions from the bus driver.

The following are examples of serious misconduct that may result in immediate bus suspension:

Fighting / Hitting / Spitting
Damage to bus property
Profanity / Pornography
Bullying / Threatening behavior / Teasing
Throwing any object on or out of the bus
Putting any part of the body outside the bus

CPS BUS VIOLATION POLICY

Transportation Director will handle all bus conduct reports. Please be aware of the violation policy. Conduct reports are cumulative from beginning of school year.

ELEMENTARY AND IGC SCHOOLS

- 1st REPORT** ... Warning / Letter and bus rules to parents.
- 2nd REPORT** ... Up to 5 days off all school transportation
- 3rd REPORT** ... Up to 10 days off all school transportation
- 4th REPORT** ... Off all school transportation for as much as a school semester.

JH, IH AND HIGH SCHOOL

- 1st REPORT** ... Warning / Letter and bus rules to parents.
- 2nd REPORT** ... Up to 10 days off all school transportation
- 3rd REPORT** ... Off all school transportation for as much as a school semester.

If a student loses his/her riding privilege, the suspension includes all buses, and the parent/guardian is responsible for the student's transportation.

It is sincerely hoped that parents will recognize these rules and regulations are for the safety and well-being of all students and that they will actively assist the school.

School bus transportation is the safest means of over-the-road transportation in America. Coweta Public Schools takes pride in its safety record and in the service it provides.

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