

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students must bear their share of responsibility for safety while passengers on school buses. The privilege of any student to ride a school bus is conditioned upon their good behavior and observance of the rules and regulations set forth by the local Board of Education, KY, and Federal governments. Certain levels of conduct are expected of any and all students riding the bus. All students shall conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the safe transportation of all. No conduct will be tolerated that will be in any way cause distraction of a driver's attention that might result in unsafe operation of the bus. Students are expected to respect the authority of the bus driver and obey their instructions. If the following rules are followed, all concerned can expect to have a safe bus trip.

## **BUS RULES**

1. Observe same conduct as in the classroom.
2. Treat everyone with respect.
3. Bus Driver/Administrator has the authority to assign seats and/or seating areas.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Keep the bus clean. Do not eat or drink.

## **WHILE WAITING TO BOARD THE BUS**

1. Arrive at your assigned bus stop five (5) minutes ahead of bus scheduled time; the bus driver can't wait.
2. Do not play in the path of traffic and stand well away from the road when the bus approaches.
3. Do not damage other people's property while waiting for the bus.
4. Avoid making excessive noise.
5. Fighting at bus stops and on the way to and from school is subject to local Board disciplinary option.
6. Never run alongside the bus. Wait until the bus stops and then walk to the door and board the bus in an orderly manner. Do NOT push or shove.

## **ITEMS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The KY Department of Education, Pupil Transportation Branch, takes the position that students should not carry onto school buses any item, i.e. instruments, class projects, etc. that may block any aisle, doorway, or exit.

702 KAR 5:080 Section 14

(1)(a) A driver shall not knowingly permit any firearms or weapons, either operative or ceremonial, to be transported on the bus.

(b) The driver shall not knowingly permit fireworks or other explosive materials of any type to be transported on the bus;

(2) A driver shall not permit to be transported on the bus:

(a) live animals, except for an animal that is:

1. To enable a person to safely utilize the bus transportation as documented by:

a. Adequate medical evidence; or

b. A student's Individual Education Plan; and

2. Not a risk to other bus riders;

(b) A preserved specimen that would likely frighten a pupil or cause a commotion on the bus;  
or

(c) Glass objects or helium balloons; and

(3) A driver shall not permit the transportation of an object that may block the bus aisle or exits.

**ASSIGN SEATS**

702 KAR 5:080 Section 11. (1) A driver shall supervise the seating of the pupils on the bus and may assign a pupil to a specific seat on the bus.