5 Steps for Dealing with Student Behavior on the School Bus

Dealing with student behavior while operating the school bus is your most difficult assignment. To help minimize any problems you may experience follow the steps below.

BUS RULES

- 1. Stay in your seat with your feet on the floor while bus is in motion.
- 2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
- 3. Keep hands, feet, objects and negative comments to self.
- 4. Keep all parts of your body and all objects inside the bus.
- 5. Keep all harmful objects (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, toys) off the bus.
- 6. Do not eat or drink on the bus. 1. Know Your Students You will be a more effective communicator if you know who you are talking to. 2. Have Maintainable and Effective rules If your bus rules are unrealistic no one will follow them. Don't make discipline statement you cannot enforce!! Keep bus rules simple and to the point and try to put them in a positive manner!!! 3. Teach the Behavior You Expect to See Students have to be shown how to behave, they do not know. 4. Don't Get Frustrated It will not happen overnight but if you are consistent and fair you will see the changes you wish to see. 5. Get Help

Don't be afraid to ask for help from someone who has

been dealing with students effectively longer than you