

# **OAK VALLEY UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **Rules of Conduct aboard the School Bus BP 5131.1, 5 CCR 14103**

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus drivers and others, the Board of Education expects students to exhibit appropriate and orderly conduct at all times when using school transportation, including while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus.

The Superintendent or designee may deny a student the privilege of using school transportation upon the continued disorderly conduct of the student or his/her persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver.

Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require the pupil to leave the bus in route between home and school or other destinations.

### **-Bus Rider Rules-**

The following rules apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including when on school activity trips:

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.
2. Riders should arrive at their designated bus stop **5-10 minutes** before and stand in a safe place at the stop.
3. Riders shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
4. **Riders shall sit down and fasten any passenger restraint systems. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.**
5. Riders shall not block the aisle or emergency exit with their body or personal belongings.
6. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers.
7. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
8. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.
9. Riders shall not use tobacco products, eat, or drink while riding the bus.
10. Riders shall not put any part of the body out of the window nor throw any item from the bus.
11. Riders shall help keep the bus clean. Riders shall not damage the bus or tamper with bus equipment.
12. Students will refrain from cell phone use when entering and exiting the bus.
13. Upon reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and upon the signal from the driver, unfasten any restraint system, enter the aisle, and go directly to the exit.
14. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.

**REMINDER: The school bus is an extension of the school site. All rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct while in school shall be in effect at all times when a student is using school transportation.**

**Disciplinary action for not cooperating with the school bus rules:**

1. Warning
2. Writeup with seating in front seat for 3 days, with call home
3. Writeup with 1 day no bus privileges, with call home
4. Writeup with 2 weeks no bus privileges, with call home
5. Writeup no bus privileges for semester

Note: Depending on the seriousness of the act, the student may lose bus privileges for the remainder of the school year on the first or succeeding offense. Decisions regarding bus discipline will be a collaborative effort between the bus driver, the transportation supervisor and school principal.