

## **2025-2026 Bus Rules**

### **Buses and Other School District Vehicles**

More than likely, your child will ride the school bus or a school district vehicle some time during the school year whether it is on a daily basis or for an annual field trip. All students must abide by the district bus/vehicle guidelines outlined on the following page. Failure to abide by the rules may result in loss of bus privileges. Students who do not ride the bus on a regular basis need special permission to ride home or to school with a friend on the bus. The appropriate bus driver must be contacted by either the parent or elementary office. If the request is granted, permission from the parents of both or all students involved is needed before the invited friend is allowed on the bus. Please notify the elementary office when a bus request is needed. Regular bus riders not needing bus services must contact the school or appropriate bus driver prior to route departure. The school office should be notified when a bus student is not to ride the bus home. Without parent notification, students will be sent home on their usual departure routes. Bus emergency/evacuation drills are performed annually with all elementary students.

### **Conduct on the Buses**

In order to operate a safe, efficient, and economical transportation program, the following guidelines have been established: 1. Students are under the authority of the bus driver. 2. Students shall be on time for the bus both morning and evening. 3. Students must avoid playing or loitering on the highway when waiting for the bus. 4. Students must cross the road in accordance with instructions and the provisions of 17 Section 321.372, Code of Iowa. 5. Students must go directly to their seats, and must remain seated while the bus is in motion. 6. Books and other property must be stowed out of the way; the aisle must be clear at all times. 7. Students must ask permission of the driver to open a window. Hands, arms, or head must not be extended out of the window. 8. Courtesy and respect are everyone's responsibility. Converse in normal tones. Yelling, talking loudly, vulgar language, or swearing are not acceptable. 9. Keep litter in its place, not on the floor. Take care of the seats. Damage will be the responsibility of the individual. 10. If necessary, seats may be assigned on buses to help to determine who the person(s) is that cannot follow these guidelines.

**All buses are equipped with video cameras.**

**The following infractions will occur when the bus guidelines are not followed:**

1. When a student is reported by the bus driver for an infraction of the rules, the parents will be contacted by letter and/or phone. 2. If a second infraction occurs, the student may be suspended from riding the bus for a period of time, no longer than a week. 3. A third violation will remove the student from transportation privileges until the problem has been solved with the school administration and parents.