

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School bus transportation is the safest ground transportation there is. In a continuing effort to provide the safest ride possible for your child / children, we have enclosed a copy of the safety rules that students must follow at the bus stop and while riding the bus. Please go over these rules with your child/children. To the school bus driver any distraction is a safety hazard. With this in mind, we have developed an assertive discipline program for the students that ride the school buses in the Coeur d'Alene School District.

The following steps will be followed to maintain a safe environment on the buses.

1st Infraction - Driver gives student slip (warning only). **Student must** take slip home to parent /guardian. Parent /guardian must sign slip (let's driver know that you have seen it) and student returns slip to driver the next morning. (Student WILL NOT be allowed on bus without signed slip.)

2nd Infraction - Driver gives student slip to take to parent. Slip will also be mailed to parents/guardian. Student will be denied bus privileges until parent, student, transportation director and principal have conference. Amount of time off bus will be decided at this time.

3rd Infraction - Driver gives student slip. Slip will also be mailed to parents/guardian. Student will be denied bus privileges for 10 days. Parent, student, transportation director, and principal conference must happen before student can ride.

4th Infraction - Student will be denied bus privileges for the remainder of school year. Driver will give student slip. Slip will be mailed to parents/guardian.
(Student may petition Board of Trustees for reinstatement of bus privileges)

Severe Infraction: Student may be denied bus privileges WITHOUT PRIOR WARNINGS when a severe infraction of bus rules occurs. A severe infraction includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Fighting.
2. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to bus driver.
3. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to another student.
4. Destruction of Property.
5. Total disruption on the bus.

When a student's bus riding privileges have been suspended, the student may not ride any District #271 bus (including activities, field trips, and after school program buses) until a conference is held with the parent(s), student, driver, principal and Director of Transportation.

This discipline plan is to help ensure that your children have the safest ride possible to and from school. We would appreciate any support you can give us in helping your children understand the importance of following the safety rules on the bus.

Sincerely,
Jill Hill
Transportation Director
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STUDENT BUS SAFETY RULES

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1. Students should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before bus time.
2. Wait for bus in an orderly line, at least 12 feet back from road/street.
3. **Respect the rights and property of others at the bus stop. Students causing problems at a bus stop may be denied bus privileges.**
4. If students have to cross road, wait for driver's signal and cross 12 feet in front of bus.
5. Go directly to an available seat.
6. Remain seated while riding the bus, facing forward, using a quiet voice, and keeping hands to self. The school bus aisles must not be blocked with feet, personal belongings, etc...
7. Respect the rights and property of others on the bus.
8. Students are responsible for the area in which they sit. Any damage inflicted to the bus will be paid for by the students responsible.
9. Throwing, spitting, kicking or shooting items inside the bus or out the windows is hazardous and prohibited.
10. Only items that can be held on lap are allowed on bus without prior arrangements being made with the Transportation Department.
11. Eating, drinking or chewing gum are not permitted on a school bus. (Danger of choking is present.)
12. Students shall refrain from the use of profane, abusive, or vulgar language. Tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, use of flame or spark-producing devices, including but not limited to matches, lighters, etc., is prohibited on the bus.
13. Animals, hazardous materials, water devices, skate boards, skis, ski poles or any potentially hazardous items are not allowed on school buses.
14. Keep all body parts and objects inside the bus at all times.
15. Students will not be allowed to randomly change bus stops. They must stay at their assigned bus stop unless they have prior permission from the transportation office to change to a different stop.
16. Students will not be allowed to depart bus at a location different than the pick-up location unless the transportation department has a written note signed by a parent/guardian or authorization from the school.
17. The driver is in charge of the bus and student management on the bus. The driver has the right to assign seats at any time. Students shall follow driver's directions promptly.

Riding a school bus is not an undeniable right. Each student is responsible for making the choice to follow the safety rules and have a pleasant ride to school or choosing not to follow the safety rules and take the chance of losing his/her bus riding privileges. Video surveillance in use.

Penalty: Violation of the above rules will render pupils immediately liable for temporary or permanent disbarment from riding.

PLEASE KEEP THESE RULES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Should you have any questions please contact:

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School

Please forward to the
Transportation
Department.

SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FORM

To: Parent/Guardian

Please fill out and return this form to your school bus driver or to your child's school as soon as possible.

I have read and understand the safety rules for students riding school buses in the Coeur d'Alene School District. I have gone over these rules with my child/children.

Signed (Parent or Guardian)

Date

(Please print the following information)

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS

SCHOOL BUS ROUTE NUMBER

SCHOOL BUS STOP LOCATION

BEST PHONE NUMBER TO CONTACT PARENT / GUARDIAN:

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|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. Contact Number _____ | WHO? _____ |
| 2. Contact Number _____ | WHO? _____ |
| 3. Contact Number _____ | WHO? _____ |

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Person other than parent / guardian

Phone

PLEASE LIST YOUR CHILD / CHILDREN WHO WILL BE RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS:
(Use back side of this form for Kindergarten students)

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| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First Name | M.I. | Last Name | Grade | School |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First Name | M.I. | Last Name | Grade | School |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First Name | M.I. | Last Name | Grade | School |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| First Name | M.I. | Last Name | Grade | School |

Is there anything you would like the driver to be aware of concerning your child?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain _____