

BUSSING REGULATIONS

WE, at Easton Bus Service Inc., hope to have a pleasant and safe school year. YOU, as parents and students, can help us greatly in this effort.

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations have been adopted to insure the safest, most enjoyable and efficient transportation for your children and students. Most of these rules and regulations have been taken from the KANSAS STATE REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION.

1. The operator of any school bus shall be responsible for the order and conduct of the pupils transported.
2. The operator has the responsibility to assign seats and will be directed to do so as a matter of policy.
3. Pupils should obey, promptly and willingly, any reasonable directive of the driver.
4. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed. Shouting, vulgar language or gestures are not permitted.
5. Pupils must remain seated with feet on the floor in front of them; not in the aisle or draped over the seat back.
6. Students may not board or depart from a bus at any other stop than that which has been properly authorized by parents or school authorities.
7. Pupils will not extend hands, arms, heads or objects from the bus windows at any time.
8. Pupils are not permitted to shout, or gesture to passing vehicles or pedestrians from the bus.
9. Students may adjust windows only when permitted to do so by the driver.
10. Pupils may not throw any object including trash or paper either from within or out of the bus while waiting for, riding, or after leaving the bus.
11. Riders must stay out of the driver's seat and may not tamper with any operating equipment.
12. Students may not exit from the emergency door unless directed to do so by the driver.
13. Eating and drinking food and beverages on the bus is prohibited.
14. The use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol in any form shall not be permitted on the bus.
15. Animals, knives, matches, firearms including cap and water pistols, explosives, glass and other similar breakables, or any other items creating a safety hazard are not permitted on the bus.
16. Students needing to ride any bus other than their regular assigned bus must give driver a note from their principal or parent.
17. Students desiring to take another student home with them who do not normally ride a particular bus must obtain prior permission from bus driver or authorization from their principal to ensure bus is not overloaded.
18. Teachers, especially sponsors of activity trips, need to be aware of bus regulations. These regulations emphasize that teachers are responsible for the discipline and safety of the students under their supervision while on a school sponsored trip.
19. Parents should be responsible for transporting big items used for science fair or other special projects. Many large items cannot safely or conveniently be carried on the limited space available on school buses.

DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENSIONS

Article 36-13-2 of the Kansas State Regulations states, "Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the operator of the bus, unless otherwise assigned by proper authorities. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the operator shall be sufficient reasons for refusing transportation to any pupil. The operator of any school bus shall be responsible for the order and conduct of the pupils transported." Drivers are required to report misbehavior by students on the bus in a timely manner or as soon as possible. Such reports will result in one of several possibilities:

a. A warning. The student will be written up on an "Incident Report" of which copies will be given to the student's administrator and sent to the parents:

First Warning - Student receives a detention;

Second Warning - Suspended off bus for two days;

Third Warning - Suspended off bus for five days;

Fourth Warning - Suspended off the bus for the remainder of the school year.

b. Upon receipt of the misconduct ticket issued to a student by a bus driver, the administrator shall decide whether to talk to the driver only, talk to the driver and student separately, or to hold driver-student conference.

Under usual conditions, a student will be suspended from riding the bus for 3 to 5 days after receiving the third ticket and placed on probation for abusing their privilege of riding a bus. Should a student receive other tickets, they may be refused transportation for the remainder of the current year. The administrator may notify the parent by letter, after the second ticket, indicating possible consequences should the student fail to comply with bus regulations.

The administrator may suspend a student from riding for 3 to 5 days upon issuance of the first or second ticket if he/she feels the offense is serious enough to warrant such action. The administrator may place such student on probation with a warning that another ticket for the same offense may be expulsion from riding a bus, for the remainder of the current year. The administrator may notify the parent by letter stating possible consequences should the student fail to comply with bus regulations.

c. Permanent revocation of riding privileges: A student will not be suspended from the bus without the parents being properly notified.

d. All the above will be initiated as approved by the appropriate school administrator.

ALL WARNING AND SUSPENSION REPORTS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE STUDENT MAY BOARD THE BUS THE NEXT DAY THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RIDE

BOARDING AND LEAVING THE BUS

1. Students must be at Bus Stop on Time.

2. While waiting at the Bus stop, students must wait on sidewalk, driveway, or as far off of traveled portion of the road as possible.

3. Students must wait in an orderly manner; and wait until Bus comes to complete stop before approaching the bus.

4. If it is necessary to cross street or roadway students must wait until driver signals them to cross.

5. Students must enter Bus single file and be seated as quickly as possible.

6. Upon leaving Bus, wait until Bus comes to a complete stop before standing to exit.

7. Exit single file in an orderly manner, and walk away from the Bus.

8. Upon leaving Bus if students must cross Roadway, walk approximately 10-15 feet forward beyond so the driver can see the student. Do not cross until driver signals you to do so.

MOTORISTS SHOULD KNOW IT'S THE LAW

School buses do not use the red flashing lights and extended stop arm at special loading and unloading zones. At these stops the bus driver may activate the hazard warning lights. The bus driver drives off of the roadway onto the shoulder. Motorists are not required to stop.

School buses do not use the red flashing lights and extended stop arm on certain 4-lane streets in some cities. On these streets the bus pulls up to the curb to load and unload students. The bus driver may use the hazard warning lights to warn motorists of his/her intention to stop the bus. Motorists are not required to stop, but should be cautious while passing the school bus.

State law requires all school buses to stop for railroad crossings. The school bus will pull to the right and display warning lights as it stops momentarily to determine if it is safe to cross. If you are approaching the bus from the front you may proceed past with caution. If you are approaching the school bus from the rear the law prohibits driving over the center line to pass if the bus is within 100 feet of a railroad crossing.

There is only one situation in which a motorist approaching a school bus displaying flashing red lights and an extended stop arm is not required to stop, i.e. when the motorist is approaching the bus from the front on the opposite side of a road divided by a physical barrier such as a median of grass, fence, concrete, or by a railing. Motorists approaching from behind the school bus must stop.

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