

Northland Pines School District - Bus/Transportation Conduct and Rules

Bus Conduct -

1. Parents or guardians are to be informed that school bus transportation is a privilege and not a right, and that the bus driver is the sole authority on the bus while students are being transported.
2. Parents or guardians are also to be informed that they are responsible for:
 - a. the safety of their child while going to/from the bus stop and while waiting for the school bus;
 - b. damage by their child to school buses, personal property, or public property;
 - c. informing their children of the rules of conduct and behavior for riding on the buses.
3. Parents may be provided with the names of the bus drivers that transport their children if the parent or guardian makes a written request to the district for the information.
4. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner at bus stops. The District will not enter into disputes involving parents and/or students concerning matters that take place prior to the student boarding the school bus, or after the student has disembarked from the bus on his/her way home.
5. Students will ride only assigned school buses and will board and depart from the bus at assigned bus stops. Students will not be permitted to ride unassigned buses for any reason other than an emergency, except as approved by the principal.
6. A change in a student's regular assigned bus stop may be granted for a special need, if a note from a parent is submitted to the building principal stating the reason for the request and the duration of the change and the principal approves.
7. A permanent transfer to another route or bus stop for morning pick-up and/or afternoon drop-off will only be made upon the approval of the principal.
8. Students shall cross all streets at least ten (10) feet in front of the school bus and after the driver has signaled the student that it is all right to do so.
9. For the safe operation of the school bus, noise on buses shall be kept at a minimum with students speaking in reasonable conversation voices. Students must be quiet at railroad crossings and other danger zones as designated by the bus driver.
10. The following cargo is forbidden to be transported on a school bus: pets, alcoholic beverages, drugs, ammunition, explosives, firearms, knives, or any other dangerous materials or objects. If there is a question on the transportation of a particular item, the principal should be consulted.

Student Surveillance-

In accord with Board policy, the contractor may install the appropriate equipment for video-taping the interior of the buses while transporting students.

Any disciplinary action resulting from the use of the video tapes shall be determined by the appropriate principal who shall ensure that due process is provided to the students involved, in accordance with Board policy and administrative guidelines relating to discipline. Any use of photographs obtained through the use of video tapes shall be in accordance with Federal and State law.

Special Services-

In compliance with Board policy, the transportation services may be provided for field trips, co-curricular trips, and extra-curricular trips, including athletics.

*Transportation may be provided on weekends and holidays to District students who are participating in approved School District programs which are under the supervision of professional staff members.

Acknowledgement of Bus Conduct Rules

We have read and agree to abide by the Bus and Transportation Conduct and Rules. We understand the rules have been officially adopted by the School Board in order that all pupils may safely ride to and from school and school activities.

Date:

Pupil's Grade:

Pupil's Name:

Pupil's Signature:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature:
