

**Jefferson School District 14-J  
Safety Rules**

**Our Philosophy:**

A student’s school day begins when he/she gets on the school bus in the morning, and does not end until he/she gets off at the bus stop. We believe all students can behave appropriately and safely on the school bus. You can help us provide all of our students with safe transportation by going over the rules with your child.

1. Students must cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the driver. Students must follow the instructions of the bus driver at all times.
2. Students may ride only their assigned bus. Any student who needs to ride a different bus must have written permission from parents or the school office.
3. Students must wait for the bus driver’s signal before crossing the road.
4. Students may only bring on the bus objects that fit on their laps or under the seat. No glass objects or live animals-except approved assistance guide animals are allowed. No firearms, weapons, or other potentially hazardous materials on the bus.
5. Students may not stand while the bus is in motion; students must remain in their seats, facing forward, and keep the aisles clear during the bus ride.
6. Students must be quiet at railroad crossings.
7. Windows may not be opened more than half-way. Students shall not open windows without the permission of the driver.
8. Students may not damage the school bus or the property of others. Students must keep it clean.
9. Students may not eat, drink, or chew gum on the school bus.
10. Students may not chew, spit, or litter on the bus; no objects may be thrown on the bus or out the windows.
11. Students may not engage in fighting, wrestling, scuffling, pushing, tripping, boisterous activity or any other excessive mischief on the school bus.
12. Students must accept an assigned seat if instructed to do so by the bus driver.
13. Students may not create or participate in any disruptive activity that causes the bus driver to stop the bus.
14. Students shall use the emergency door only in case of emergency.
15. Students shall be on time for the bus both morning and evening.
16. Students shall not extend their hands, arms, or heads through the bus windows.
17. Students shall converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited.
18. Students shall be courteous to driver, to fellow pupils, and to passersby.
19. Students who refuse promptly to obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses.
20. Rules Governing Pupils Riding School Buses must be kept posted in a conspicuous place in all school buses.

Severe disruptions may result in an immediate and possibly permanent suspension of transportation privileges. Severe disruptions include:

1. Physical harm to another student or the bus driver, or threat of physical harm to another student or the bus driver.
2. Failure to obey the bus driver.
3. Failure to give correct name when asked by the bus driver.
4. Property damage to bus.
5. Foul or abusive language directed at the bus driver.

Bus-riding suspensions apply to ALL buses. Citations must be signed and returned to the bus driver before transportation privileges are restored.

**Transportation Department  
Bus Rider Registration Card 2017 - 2018**

**The following information is required from each student riding a school bus in order to determine eligibility and bus routes. This card must be completed and returned to the issuing bus driver within two school days of date of issue. Students failing to register may be denied transportation.**

**Please Print**

**Name of Student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City and Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone: Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency phone during bus times** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand all the School Bus Rules printed on this page and I have explained them to the above student.**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DRIVER USE ONLY**    **Route Nr.** \_\_\_\_\_

If a student chooses to break a rule, the following procedures have been established:

1. 1st offense - Warning \* - Driver restates behavior expectations and issues a warning referral.
2. 2nd offense – The student is suspended from the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, parent, bus driver or transportation supervisor, and the principal.
3. 3rd offense - The student receives a 5 – 10 day suspension, and will not be able to ride the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, parent, bus driver or transportation supervisor, and the principal. At this time a behavior contract will be made with the student, and a permanent bus seat may be assigned.
4. Further violations of bus regulations will be considered a severe violation.

Severe Violation: Any severe violation will result in the immediate suspension of the student for a minimum of 10 days up to one year. There will be a hearing at this time, arranged by the transportation supervisor, involving the student, bus driver or transportation supervisor, parent, and principal.

**For more information please call 541.327.9654**

\*All referrals must be signed by the student, the parents, the bus driver and the principal, and returned to the bus driver before the student will be allowed to ride the bus again.

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