

**DENISON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Denison, Texas**

**SCHOOL BUS PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS**

**ONLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO RIDE A BUS AND MUST RIDE THEIR ASSIGNED BUS**

**Please Note:** Students must be at their assigned stop **10 minutes before** the posted time for their stop, and also wait **10 minutes after** their stop time, to allow for unforeseen variances in the bus route. The same is true for the afternoon route. Parents, please allow 10 minutes after the time stated before you call. Thank you

The purpose of School Transportation is to **safely transport students** to and from school. **School Transportation is a privilege, not a State requirement.** School bus **safety regulations must be followed.** School principals are responsible for the students while on the bus and reserve the right to resolve discipline problems that occur between home and the bus stop.

Bus drivers are charged with maintaining proper student conduct, including assigning individual seats and video recording when necessary. Students are expected to conduct themselves on buses in the same manner as in the classroom. If the driver cannot, by reasonable means, obtain cooperation from a student, the following actions will be taken.

1. **For all infraction** of the rules, the driver will prepare an **Incident report**, which will be processed by the **Director of Transportation** and forwarded to the appropriate **School Principal** for action.
2. When **damage to the school bus** is involved, **reimbursement** for the damage will be a **part of the penalty assessed.**
3. Following are **penalties for misconduct:**

**1<sup>st</sup> incident report** – Parents are to be notified by the **Principal** and the pupil placed on probation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> incident report** – **3 day minimum Suspension** from riding the bus, depending upon the nature of the violation.

**3<sup>rd</sup> incident report** – **Suspension** from riding the bus for the remainder of the school semester *or* 20 days, whichever is greater. Elementary students may be granted one additional 10 day Suspension before a final Suspension.

4. In extreme cases, the driver may notify the **Director of Transportation**, and the **Director of Transportation** may take immediate action, including **Suspension**, until such time as the **Principal** handles the incident.

Upon reinstatement, after a semester or 20 day **Suspension**, any other violation will be cause of **Suspension** for the remainder of the school year.

**Flagrant Violation:** **Fighting, gross insubordination,** and other acts that might cause **safety hazards.**

**1<sup>st</sup> incident report** – **15 day Suspension** from riding the bus.

**2<sup>nd</sup> incident report** – **Suspension** from riding the bus for the remainder of the school **semester or 20 days,** whichever is greater.

**BUS RIDER SAFETY REGULATIONS ON BACK**

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There will be no exceptions to the penalties listed on the previous page for disruptive students. **Principals** understand that drivers provide verbal warnings prior to submitting written misconduct reports.

### SCHOOL BUS RIDER SAFETY REGULATIONS MUST BE ADHERED TO:

1. **Students will cooperate with the bus driver at all times.**
2. **Students will not write on, disfigure, or damage any part of the bus.**
3. **Students will not throw any item on or out of the bus.**
4. **Students will not possess or use weapons, drugs, tobacco, or fire producing devices, in any form on the bus.**
5. **Students will not scream, yell, or cause loud noises on the bus.**
6. **Students will remain seated, facing forward in the seat while the bus in motion.**  
**Seat belt use continues to be encouraged for ALL passengers.**
7. **Students will not be dropped off elsewhere unless they have their Principals prior written approval.**  
**(School buses are operated to take only eligible students from home to school and back home again.)**
8. **Students will not have or consume food or drinks on the bus.**
9. **Students will conduct themselves on buses in the same manner as in the classroom. Cursing or showing disrespect will not be tolerated.**

**These safety regulations are not inclusive of all laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines in force by Federal, State and Local governments.**

Parents,

For the safety of all the children and the drivers, **PLEASE** do not attempt to get on the bus and confront the driver on discipline or scheduling issues. This distracts the driver's attention from the students loading and off – loading. **Please** direct any driver situations, or questions concerning **School Bus Transportation** to the

**DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

**(903) 462-7068**