

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
School Bus Regulations

To Parents and Students:

The following are rules and regulations governing students who ride Poudre School District busses. Students are responsible for knowing these rules and will be subject to them. You may call Transportation Services at (970) 490-3232 if you have any questions.

At the Bus Stop

1. Arrive on time. Busses cannot wait for tardy students. Students must be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to leave.
2. Students must be out of the roadway, either on the sidewalk or on the shoulder of the road as the bus approaches the stop.
3. In the event that a student (or students) causes damage to personal property at the bus stop, the student involved and his/her parents are responsible to the property owners for damage.

On the Bus

1. Cooperate with the Bus Operator. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Stay seated and face forward with feet in front of you. Display courtesy and respect for other passengers.
3. Keep noise level down; no screaming or other loud noises. You must be silent at railroad crossings.
4. Exhibit a responsible attitude toward being a part of a safe transportation environment.
5. Eating and drinking is not permitted on the bus.

Consequences for Misbehavior

1. Bus Operator will give a verbal warning to the misbehaving student. The verbal warning will be documented in the discipline records and the Bus Operator's logbook.
2. Bus Operator will issue a written warning to be sent home with the student, if misbehavior continues, and will take appropriate steps to contact the parent or guardian.
3. If the student continues to misbehave, he/she can be issued a suspension of 1-5 days at the Bus Operator's discretion. The Bus Operator will take appropriate steps to contact the parent or guardian before the suspension. Further failure to respond to this discipline brings additional suspension, possibly one week to the rest of the school year. Generally these procedures will be followed. However, transportation officials may suspend transportation privileges at any time, even after the first report, depending on the nature of the infraction.

VIDEO CAMERAS ON BUSES MAY BE USED AT ANY TIME TO RECORD STUDENT BEHAVIOR.

School Dismissal

1. Busses will leave no earlier than 5 minutes after the final dismissal bell.
2. Busses will not return to pick up students arriving tardy at the loading zone.

Student Assignment of Bus Stops

1. All eligible students are assigned to a bus stop by Transportation Services. Students must be picked up and dropped off at their assigned stops.
2. Students wanting to bring a guest on the bus or to get off at a stop other than their own need to bring a note from a parent or guardian requesting this service to the school office. Requests will be honored providing the students are well behaved and the bus does not become overloaded. The Principal or designee will issue a bus pass to be given to the Bus Operator by the students requesting this service. Bus Operators will accept ONLY OFFICIAL BUS PASSES issued by the school office or Transportation Services.

Unsafe Items

1. In accordance with Colorado Department of Education regulations, items brought on board by students are subject to review by the Bus Operator who will determine if such items would endanger the lives, health or safety of all the passengers. Bus Operators are authorized to refuse transportation of items they determine to be unsafe.
2. District Policy states the following items are not allowed on board school busses: Fire arms, explosives, flammable items, knives or other sharp instruments, weapons, animals other than appropriate assistance dogs, glass containers or items that can break or shatter, skateboards, roller blades, boom boxes, radios without earphones, tobacco products, laser pointers, coolers over 8 quarts in size, and any items or projects that cannot be held on a student's lap or stored in a book bag or backpack

School Closure

During severe weather, information on school closings will be broadcast on local Fort Collins' radio stations. Expect and dress for delays in bus service in severe weather.

Please cut off this portion and return to the Bus Operator.

Student's Name _____ Phone# _____

Student's Address _____

School _____ Street Address _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Bus # _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____