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### Student Conduct on Buses

1. School bus transportation to and from school is a privilege offered to all K-8 students. Safety is our first priority; students will have the opportunity to ride on the district's school buses as long as they display behavior that is reasonable and safe. Choosing to behave inappropriately will result in loss of recess(s) or loss of bus privileges. Parents will be notified by telephone and/or letter for any and all infractions.
1. The bus driver is responsible to maintain an orderly and safe bus. Bus drivers will be responsible to report misconduct of students while on the bus to the Bus Coordinator. The bus driver is in complete charge of the bus and is expected to follow the BCEMS School Bus Handbook Procedures for Discipline. The bus driver may not remove a student from the bus. Students should understand they are under the jurisdiction of the school at all times when on a school bus.
1. The principals or Bus Coordinator have the authority to suspend riding privileges of students who do not follow the BCEMS School Bus Safety Rules. Parents/guardians of children who violate the school bus rules will be notified by phone call and/or letter of a potential loss of school bus riding privileges. Annually, and as needed, each principal and/or Bus Coordinator shall explain and review school bus safety rules with students.
1. Students are required to:
  1. Be at least five minutes early to their designated school bus stop in order to permit the school bus to follow the scheduled time.
  2. Walk to their seats on the bus without disturbing other students; remain seated in their assigned seat while the school bus is moving. School bus drivers are to expect reasonable behavior in a manner similar to that of a teacher in a classroom.
  3. Obey the driver promptly and with respect; realize that the driver has an important responsibility and it is everyone's duty to help.
  4. Keeps the bus clean; no throwing of any papers or trash on the school bus floor.

5. Not engage in loud talking or laughing. Unnecessary noises divert the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
6. Refrain from use of profane, abusive language, and gestures.
7. Keep head, arms, and hands inside the bus at all times. They may not throw anything out the window. Only the School Bus Drivers will operate the windows.
8. Be respectful to fellow pupils and to the school bus driver.
9. Treat school bus equipment with respect. Students will be responsible for any damage they cause.
10. Remain seated while the bus is in motion and until it is your stop and the bus is ready to unload. The student will wait for a signal from the school bus driver to cross the road in front of the bus when applicable.