



**Leaders in Learning**

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## **Bus Rider Regulations**

**It is our intention to keep bus travel as safe as possible. Students are expected to follow reasonable rules to help us in this goal. These rules apply to field trips as well. Here are some key points:**

- Stay off the roadway while waiting for the bus, and do not enter until it has come to a complete stop.
- Students must take their seats promptly and remain seated quietly throughout the trip. Keep noise at a minimum so the driver can have complete concentration.
- Keep coats, books and all other objects out of the aisles. Remember to remove all belongings when leaving the bus.
- Hands and heads must remain inside the bus at all times. No items should be thrown about or out of the bus.
- No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
- Students must board and exit the bus only at their **assigned** stops. Do not ask the driver to stop at undesignated locations.
- Students must obey all instructions given by the driver.
- Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
- Glass containers, sharp objects, such as knives or scissors, are not allowed on the bus.
- Animals are not allowed on the bus.
- Assist in keeping the bus clean and safe at all times.
- Students must only ride the bus they are assigned to as they may not switch buses. **Written permission** must be received from a parent/guardian and approved by administration to allow a student to ride a different bus for any reason.
- Students are expected to follow the same rules and expectations for behavioral conduct as they do in school as is appropriate.
- If a student will not be taking the bus for any reason, a parent must provide **written permission** allowing the child to walk.
- If you have a change of address that will affect your bus route, you are required to inform the Finley office so a bus change can be made.

Bus riding is a privilege afforded to eligible students. Only students who consistently follow the rules will be allowed to continue using the bus.

## **Bus Conduct**

Students are expected to follow all school rules when riding the school bus. A student may be suspended from riding the bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to, the following:

1. Violating any school rule or school district policy.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a bus driver or other supervisor.
6. Such other behavior as the building principal or designee deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or it's occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus, the School Board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons.

A student suspended from riding the bus who does not have alternate transportation to school shall have the opportunity to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternate transportation.

***Please note: Bus assignments will be mailed in August.***