

E.C.S.D. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

SCHOOL BUS SAFE CONDUCT RULES

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Students living in Eureka County attendance areas where bus transportation is provided are privileged to ride the school bus, and this privilege is contingent upon following these Safe Conduct Rules.

1. All School Buses will be considered an extension of the classroom and the same conduct is expected. Students being transported are under the direct supervision and authority of the bus driver.
2. Students will be at their assigned bus stop. Students will be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus each morning.
3. Students will walk single-file on the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic when going to or leaving the bus stop.
4. Students will form a line before boarding the bus.
5. Students will not push or scuffle while the bus is loading or unloading.
6. Students may be required to sit in a seat assigned to them by the bus driver, if, in the judgment of the driver, such an assignment is necessary to maintain order and safety on the bus. Students may not leave their seats after the bus is moving.
7. Students who must cross the road after getting off of the bus will cross in front of the bus only. Before crossing the front of the bus, the student will wait for the driver's signal before proceeding.
8. Students will not open windows without permission from the driver. Students must not put themselves or any personal articles out an open window at any time while on the bus.
9. Students must keep all books, instrument cases and personal articles either on their lap or under the seat in which they sit.

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10. Students must not throw objects out of the bus or within the bus.
11. Written permission from the parent to the bus driver will be required whenever a student wants to leave the bus other than at the school or home stop. No exceptions will be allowed.
12. Loud and/or vulgar language is prohibited.
13. Students may eat or drink on the bus with the bus driver's permission. Students will pick up after themselves and otherwise keep the bus clean.
14. Parents of students and students who commit acts of vandalism or otherwise damage the bus, such as cutting or tearing seat upholstery, or breaking window glass, will be held responsible for the damage.
15. The use of tobacco on the bus is strictly prohibited. No lighters or matches shall be brought onto a bus.
16. Students may not bring onto the bus any animal, weapons, liquor, illicit drugs, etc., which would interfere with passenger safety.
17. Students fighting on the bus will lose their bus riding privileges for a time to be determined by the building principal or transportation director.
18. Once school has been dismissed, students **MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to load on the bus in a timely manner. This will enable the bus to depart from school on time. Students who fail to load the bus on time directly affect the remainder of the route; resulting in **ALL** students being late for their drop-off time. If a student is frequently tardy, the parent(s) will be notified by the bus driver. If the student continues to be tardy, he/she will be referred to the building principal or the transportation director.
19. If a student does not plan to ride the bus in the afternoon, he/she must notify the bus driver that morning.

**Bus Routes – Consequences for Passenger conduct are as Follows:**

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1. On the first offense, the principal will be notified by the bus driver. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, the student may be removed immediately from the bus for a three (3) day period of time.
2. On the second violation of rules, the student may lose bus riding privileges for at least two (2) weeks.
3. Subsequent violations will be dealt with appropriately by the principal of the school and the bus driver. Punishment may include loss of bus privileges for a specific length of time which may include the remainder of the school year.

**Extra-Curricular Bus Travel – Consequences for Passenger Conduct are as Follows:**

1. On the first offense, a student riding the activity bus will be suspended for the next trip following.
2. On the second offense, a student riding the activity bus will be suspended from riding the activity bus for the remainder of the school year.

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OR BUS DRIVER**

As a Parent, I understand that the bus service provided by Eureka County School District is a discretionary service that can be revoked if a student misbehaves on the bus. I also understand that it is my responsibility to get my student to school should he or she be removed from the bus.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If it has not been communicated to the bus driver that your child is not riding the bus for the afternoon route, local authorities will be contacted in the event that none of the following contacts can be reached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Father/Guardian

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Name of Mother/Guardian

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Father\_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone Mother\_\_\_\_\_

Students Name(s):

Emergency Contact Information:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Local Person to Contact  
In Case of Emergency

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Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:

\_\_\_\_\_

Work\_\_\_\_\_

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Home\_\_\_\_\_