

Bus Rules

Consequences

“School bus drivers have the authority to discipline students for misconduct related to School District rules (WAC 392-400-230(1))”.

Misconduct may result in the removal of bus riding privileges as well as other forms of corrective action appropriate to the situation. Based on the severity and frequency of a student’s misbehavior, consequences applied may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal redirection
- Assigned seating
- Parent/Guardian contact
- Suspension from bus riding privileges

Buses are equipped with continuous operation video and audio cameras for the purpose of safety and assisting with student management. Disciplinary actions could be imposed based on evidence observed on video.

By making a request through the [Transportation Department](#), parents with concerns may view video of their child.

Rules

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and passengers at all times. Passengers must obey the driver promptly.
2. Students shall give their correct name promptly and willingly when asked by the bus driver.
3. Quiet conversation will be permitted while students are riding the bus, unless this privilege is abused.
4. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion, and are not to stand up until the bus has come to a full stop.
5. A student may be assigned a seat in which he/she will be expected to remain at all times while on the bus.
6. No student will smoke, ignite matches or lighters, or use any type of flame or sparking device on the school bus.
7. Items that may cause injury to others, such as sticks, breakable containers, any type of firearms, straps or pins extending from clothing, are prohibited.
8. No animal is permitted on the bus except service animals.
9. Students will refrain from pushing, shoving or striking other passengers while on or near the bus, or engaging in other unsafe activities.
10. Students are not to extend head, hands, or arms out of the windows, whether the bus is in motion or standing still.
11. Students must refrain from throwing objects on or at the bus or out of bus windows.
12. Students will refrain from using vulgar or obscene language and/or gestures.
13. Students shall have a “Bus Pass” issued by the appropriate school authority prior to being allowed to:
 - A. Board or leave the bus other than at his/her regular stop.
 - B. Ride a bus other than the one to which they are assigned.
 - C. Ride an activity or late service bus.
14. Eating on a school bus is not permitted except when specifically authorized and supervised, i.e., field trips.
15. Students are not to sit in the driver’s seat at any time, nor shall students be to the immediate left or right of the driver while the bus is in motion.
16. In the event of an actual emergency, students must follow emergency exit procedures as established in emergency exit drills.

17. The parent/guardian will reimburse the Federal Way Public Schools for damage to school buses resulting from student misconduct.
18. Bus passengers should arrive at the bus stop no less than 5 minutes and no more than 10 minutes before the bus's scheduled arrival time. Buses will promptly depart all schools 5-7 minutes after the school dismissal times. For safety, once bus doors are closed, drivers will not stop for late arriving students nor shall students chase their bus.
19. While waiting at the bus stop, students are expected to stand a safe distance from the street and avoid activities that could injure themselves or others. Students are expected to respect other's property. When the bus approaches, students must observe the instructions of the driver.
20. It may be necessary to cross the road to board the bus. Students are expected to observe the driver's instructions and to always cross in front of the bus with the aid of the flashing stop sign and crossing arm.
21. Safe, respectful conduct is expected of all passengers to insure safety.
 - A. Obey the driver's instructions when first requested.
 - B. Remain seated.
 - C. Respect other's property.
 - D. Keep your hands to yourself.
 - E. Keep noise level down.
 - F. Keep aisles clear.
 - G. Keep bus clean.