

Regulations Governing Students

Student transportation is a privilege extended to students who qualify for transporting pursuant to statues 22-16-2 and 22-16-4, NMAC 1978 compilation. Students who do not obey the State and Local regulations governing student transportation may have their transportation privileges revoked by the school district.

Students who are compelled to walk a distance to meet the bus must walk on the side of the road to their left facing traffic, except on divided or multi-lane roadways.

Students must be on time at their assigned bus stop. The bus driver **WILL NOT** wait for student not at the loading area.

Students must wait in a safe place, clear of traffic and away from where the bus stops. Students shall wait in an orderly line and avoid "horseplay". When loading, the students should clear the traffic area immediately.

The driver is in full charge of students when they are riding on the bus. The students must obey the driver promptly. In cases where a teacher or school Administrator is on the bus, at the request of the driver, they are also authorized to enforce student discipline.

Students shall not get on or off the bus while it is in motion. Students must remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear.

Without the advance permission of a responsible school official, students will not be permitted to leave the bus on the way to or from school except at their regular assigned stop or school.

Students must occupy the seats assigned them by the bus driver. Students shall not be permitted in front of the passenger seating area while the bus is in motion.

Students are not to carry on unnecessary conversation with driver while the bus is in motion.

Students will stay out of the driver's seat and will not tamper with any equipment.

Student shall be courteous and obedient to the driver and cooperate with the bus driver in keeping the bus clean.

Rough or boisterous conduct will not be permitted in the bus, however, students are permitted to converse in a normal tone of voice while in the bus. Students should keep absolutely quiet when the bus is approaching a railroad crossing and remain quiet until the bus is safely across the tracks.

Students shall not use profane language or obscene gestures and shall not eat any food or drink any beverage on the bus.

Students should remember that misconduct or carelessness not only endangers their own safety, but also the safety of the other students on the bus.

Students must not extend their hands or objects through bus windows or open or close the bus windows without the permission of the bus driver.

Animals, firearms, knives, explosives, breakable glass items, or other dangerous objects are not permitted on the bus. No item that will block the aisle or is unsecured shall be carried on the bus.

The use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or controlled substances shall not be permitted.

Students will not ride on the outside of the school bus at any time or attach any item to the bus.

Any damage to the bus from any cause shall be reported by passengers to the driver, and the driver will, in turn, report it to the proper school official. Parents or guardians shall be held responsible for malicious destruction to the bus.

Students who must cross the road after alighting from the bus must pass far enough in front of the bus (approximately eight to ten feet) so that the driver can see them. Students will cross the road only when the driver signals all is clear. The only exception to this rule is in urban areas where pedestrian crossings are provided at intersections and student will be instructed to cross after the bus leaves the unloading zone or when traffic signals direct them to cross. Students will not cross multi-lane roadways to meet the bus except in urban areas where crosswalks or traffic signals are provided.

Students shall look both ways before crossing to the opposite side of the road.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

For safe riding on a school bus by their child, parent responsibilities include the following:

- a. Insuring that their child arrives at the designated bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus.
- b. Providing protection or supervision for their child when unusual conditions warrant precaution beyond ordinary circumstances.
- c. Actively cooperating with school officials and school bus operators regarding appropriate conduct of their child at bus stops and while walking to and from stops.
- d. Assisting with implementation and enforcement of school bus rider safety.

SAFETY AND TRAINING

Emergency evacuation instruction with students shall be conducted at least twice a year.

The driver shall not permit the transportation of animals, firearms, knives, explosives, breakable glass items, or other dangerous objects on the bus. No items that will block the aisle while it is in motion shall be permitted on the bus. Regulations for transporting musical instruments, shop projects, and other school projects inside the bus are as follows:

- a. No item shall occupy needed seating space.
- b. None of the large musical instruments or projects will be carried on the bus.
- c. No item shall be placed into the driver's compartment
- d. All items carried by students should be under their control at all times and carried on their lap, or between seats. The aisle and exits must not be blocked.