

## Bus Rules

1. The arrival time of the school bus will be stabilized as much as possible after the second week of school, but may still vary to some degree due to weather, traffic conditions, or other circumstances. Parents are responsible for having children at the bus stop on time. Buses cannot wait beyond their regular schedules for those who are tardy.
2. Until a child boards the bus, parents are responsible for their child's care, custody, supervision, and control. The parents themselves carry the obligation to ensure their child is safe until the bus arrives and until the child is on board the bus. On return from school, once the child steps off the bus, parents assume the same responsibilities. When unforeseen events cause postponements or changes in bus schedules or school closings, parents are responsible for monitoring officially designated radio stations WTRO and WASI or the web site [dyercs.net](http://dyercs.net) for announcements concerning these changes.
3. Students should arrive at the bus stop about five minutes before the bus is **scheduled to be there. Students are to wait in a quiet and orderly manner.** Students should wait on the sidewalk or off the roadway and not on private property. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior while they are at the bus stop. If a bus is unable to arrive for its schedule pickup of a student, the parents of that student are responsible for their child's care, custody, supervision, and control until the child has actually boarded the bus.
4. Students are assigned to one bus, and bus drivers may assign seats to individual students when necessary. Students will normally be allowed to ride only the bus to which they are assigned. Students may ride a different bus only with a note or phone call from a parent or guardian which is approved by the principal or his designee.
5. Students will be transported directly from designated bus stop to school to designated bus stop, except when special arrangements have been made and approved by the principal or his/her designee as in Bus Rule No. 4. Students may board and exit their assigned buses only at their designated pick-up and destination points.
6. Students may not eat or drink on the bus. Students may not bring food or beverage onto the bus, unless it is contained in a box or bag. Glass bottles are not permitted.
7. No animal, reptiles, etc..., may be brought on the bus for any reason.
8. The bus driver is in charge of the students and the bus. Students must promptly and respectfully obey any reasonable request or instruction from the bus driver. Continuous audio and visual monitoring may be occurring.
9. Students will sit in their seats upon boarding the bus and will remain seated until they get off the bus. Standing is allowed only when entering and exiting the bus. Students must not change seats or move from one seat to another. Aisle ways must be kept clear.
10. Students must not extend their heads or arms out of bus windows. The driver will determine whether bus windows are to be raised or lowered.

11. Students must follow and obey instructions of the driver in entering and exiting the bus. Students will enter and exit the bus only with the permission of the driver. Students will walk at least twelve feet in front of the stopped bus and carefully look in every direction for approaching traffic or other hazards before attempting to cross the roadway. Parents shall be responsible for their child's care, custody, supervision and control after they have exited the bus.
12. Any damage done on the bus will be reported at once to the driver. Pencils, magic markers and pointed objects will be kept in notebooks. Parents and students will be held financially responsible for holes in seats, marks on walls, or any other damage done.
13. Use of tobacco products is not permitted on the bus.
14. Illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, and any other unauthorized substances are not permitted on the bus.
15. Students will not bring with them on the bus any object which could be considered a weapon.
16. Possession of a laser pointer on any School Bus will result in confiscation of the pointer and a ten day bus suspension.
17. Helium filled balloons or flowers in glass containers (vases) will not be allowed on the bus.
18. Any extracurricular activity equipment (i.e. band or sports) must be small enough to be held in the students lap.
19. Parents are responsible for having proper adult supervision at the home when students are returning home after school. Failure to comply with this requirement once will result in a warning. The second failure may result in bus privileges being revoked.
20. Students will no longer be allowed to have "on" any paging/communication device (I.e. cell phones, iPods) which could distract a driver while they are operating a school bus. If the school of which the student attends allows the students to have in their possession paging/communication devices (i.e. cell phones, iPods), then the student may carry them on the bus as long as they are kept turned off and not in operation. Any infraction of this rule the driver will turn the paging/communication device (i.e. cell phones, iPods) over to the principal or the principal's designee.