

FSPS TRANSPORTATION RULES FOR STUDENTS

Students are expected to conduct themselves properly while on the buses. Bus transportation is a privilege that may be revoked if a student becomes uncooperative, unruly / distracting, or disrespectful towards any school employee or other student. Remember, bus transportation is not a right...it is a privilege. Protect your privilege by following these rules:

1. Students are to comply with the authority of the driver. All school rules apply to the buses, also.
2. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion. Students must be in their assigned seat.
3. Students should load and ride in an orderly manner. Do not shove, push, fight, spit, litter, throw objects, and use obscene language or inappropriate gestures. Keep arms, hands, head, etc. inside the bus at all times.
4. Food, candy, drinks, or tobacco products are not allowed on the bus. Do not use these items at the bus stop. Do not litter, trespass or damage any property at the bus stop or damage the bus in any way.
5. Students should be at their bus stop at least ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Students should stand back at least 10 feet from the curb / stop and should not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop. The driver will open the door and signal the students to enter when appropriate.
6. Students should load or unload quickly and in an orderly manner. Do not enter or exit the bus through the emergency exits unless there is an actual emergency or unless you are directed to do so by the driver.
7. After exiting the bus the students should remain visible to the driver as they cross the street or walk away from the bus. If a student is crossing the street, go to a point at least ten feet in front of the bus and wait for the driver to signal you to cross. Do not cross behind the bus or walk along the side of the bus.
8. If an object is dropped in front of, under, or behind the bus; do not attempt to retrieve the object. Signal the driver about the problem, wait for the bus to leave, and wait until traffic is clear before getting the object. **Never crawl under the bus or bend down in front of the bus.**
9. Students are not to make any type of distracting noises; shouting, loud talking or loud laughing is not allowed. Band instruments are not to be played at any time. Radios or other electronic music devices are not allowed, unless headphones are used and permission has been given from the driver. **Cell phones are not to be used on the bus at any time.** *Cell phones must be turned off or the ring on silent. In any case, calls may not be placed nor taken while on the bus.*
10. Students are to give their correct name or produce their ID card when requested by the driver or aide. Students riding the bus must live in an established transportation zone and ride their assigned bus.

The driver has the same authority over bus passengers that a teacher has over students in the classroom. It is expected that students will behave the same or better than they do in the classroom due to the safety issues in transporting children. Passengers that interfere with the safe and orderly operation of the bus will have their transportation privileges suspended; warnings may or may not be given depending on the severity of the infraction. The driver will review these general rules, along with any additional rules specific to that bus, with the passengers. You may contact the FSPS Transportation Department at 785-2501 ext 1346 or 1356 if you have any questions or concerns. Have a safe and enjoyable school year.

Please complete and detach the lower part of this sheet and return it to your student's bus driver.

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Address _____ Home Ph. _____ Work Ph. _____

Designated Bus Stop _____ School _____ Bus # _____

I have read these transportation rules and understand them. I agree to abide by these rules and follow the driver's instructions.

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____