

Jefferson ISD Transportation Department Bus Rider Guidelines

Student safety is the number one priority of the Jefferson ISD Transportation Department. To ensure safe transportation to and from school it is essential that safety rules are followed at all times. The bus driver has the authority and responsibility to maintain a safe and orderly environment on the bus. Students need to realize they are responsible for and will be held accountable for their actions while riding a school bus. Parents and students should be aware of the following rules and possible consequences for violating bus rules. **Riding the bus is a privilege that may be lost for violating the bus rules.**

General Rules

1. Follow the instructions of the bus driver at all times. Disrespect towards the bus driver or refusing to cooperate may result in loss of bus riding privilege.
2. The driver will not pick up or drop off a rider anywhere other than the regular stop for that rider without proper authorization from the parent/guardian or campus office. The student will need a note signed by a parent/guardian and approval by the campus office to change a pick up or drop off point. In instances where there is a necessary unforeseen change in a drop off point, parents/guardians may make a change by calling the campus office by 1:00 p.m.
3. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide transportation to school if a student misses the bus.

Prior to loading (on the road and at school)

1. Be on time at the designated bus stop. Riders must be clearly visible to the approaching bus driver.
2. Maintain a safe distance from the road while waiting for the bus to arrive.
3. Keep a safe distance and wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before approaching the bus for loading.
4. If a student misses the bus it is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation to or from school.

While on the bus

1. Remain seated and face forward in assigned seat at all times.
2. No loud talking, laughing, and/or horseplay.
3. After boarding and until exiting the bus, keep all parts of person and personal belongings inside the bus.
4. Keep aisles clear.
5. No eating on the bus. Only water is permitted for drinking on the bus.
6. Music and other electronic media can only be listened to through personal headphones/ear buds.
7. In case of emergency students should follow instructions of the driver.

Exiting the bus

1. Wait your turn to get off the bus. Pushing or crowding may cause an accident or injury.
2. If a student must cross the road after exiting, cross a least 10 feet in front of the bus. Do not cross before checking traffic in both directions.
3. Exit directly away from the bus and maintain a safe distance.
4. Do not chase, hit, or hang on to the bus at any time.
5. If a personal belonging drops near or under the bus do not go after it.

Consequences for violations include, but are not limited to:

Elementary (PreK-6th): warning, parent notification, swats, ISS, loss of bus riding privilege.

Secondary(7th-12th):warning, parent notification, swats, GIP, after school detention, ISS, DAEP, loss of bus riding privilege.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the bus rules and consequences.

Parent/Guardian_____ **Date**_____