

Deer Creek School District Transportation Rules & Regulations

The violation of any of the following rules will place the student into the bus discipline system immediately.

1. Students are expected to behave well. Student behavior is expected to be like that in the classroom. Cell phones, cameras, and other electronic devices that may disturb others are not allowed to be used on the bus.
2. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students. The driver and the rules must be obeyed at all times.
3. Disrespect, defiant conduct, or obscene language or gestures directed toward the driver or others may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the bus.
4. A student will sit where he/she is told to sit either permanently or temporarily at the driver's discretion.
5. Students shall ride only their regularly assigned bus and are not permitted to ride to anyone else's bus to or from school.
6. When requested by the driver, students must immediately and correctly identify themselves.
7. Students must arrive at the bus stop ten (10) minutes prior to designated bus pick-up time and wait in a safe and orderly manner out of the roadway and off private property. Students must not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop and are signaled by the driver to board the bus.
8. Students must enter and leave the bus in an orderly manner in view of the driver. If they must cross the road, they must do so in front of the bus, never behind it. The driver will indicate when it is safe to cross.
9. Students are to remain properly seated (seat to seat: back to back) facing the front of the bus at all times. No standing, no moving from seat to seat, no facing backward, no sitting on your knees, no sitting on your back pack or other personal items.
10. No student shall at any time extend head, hands, arms, or any body part out of the windows whether the school bus is in motion or standing still.
11. Students will reimburse the school district for damage to school buses resulting from student misconduct and may be subject to loss of riding privileges and suspension or expulsion from school.
12. Students will refrain from excessive noise, shouting, boisterous behavior, fighting, vulgar or obscene language or gestures, racial or sexual harassment and bullying.
13. Students must not have anything in their possession that might cause injury to another, no weapons of any kind, including but not limited to knives, guns, sharps, fighting gear, etc.

14. No smoking, chewing, or spitting of tobacco or use of any type of flame or sparking devices including vapor and electronic cigarettes. No illegal substances or alcoholic materials or their paraphernalia are allowed on school buses.

15. Eating or drinking on a school bus is not permissible: no gum, no candy, no pop, no pastries, or any other types of food or confectionaries. In hot weather one bottle of water is permitted per student. Students must maintain clean bus interiors by keeping trash off the floor. Students may not throw refuse out of the windows.

16. Aisles must be kept clear. Personal belongings, books, instruments, projects, etc. must be held on a student's lap. Large items which cannot be held in the student's lap will not be transported on the school bus.

17. Students will get on and off the bus only at the stop to which they are assigned.

18. If a student does not ride for two (2) consecutive days, the bus will not return or stop until you notify the Transportation Office that the student will again be riding

19. No hats, no hoodies or other garment that makes it difficult to identify the student is allowed to be worn on the bus.

20. No wearing gang colors, displaying gang tags, or making gang symbols.

21. No personal hygiene items such as body spray, cologne, perfume, or items that may affect allergies.

22. No animals, reptiles, fish, or fowl are permitted on the bus

Any violation of these rules may be sufficient reason to discontinue bus transportation privileges to the student involved and may cause suspension or expulsion from school.

Penalties for Student Misconduct:

The driver of a bus, whether on a regular route or on an extracurricular trip, will report all instances of student misconduct to the transportation director. The transportation director will notify the appropriate principal via the student information system.

1. The first offense will carry a warning to the student and parents/guardians and such other action as deemed appropriate by the transportation director.

2. The second offense will be referred to the principal and may result in loss of the privilege of riding the bus for up to one week.

3. The third offense will be referred to the principal and may result in loss of the privilege of riding for up to the remainder of the current semester and all of the succeeding semester.

4. Severe Clause: Students who become involved in a serious disciplinary problem including, but not limited to bullying, harassment, intimidation, assault, fighting, verbal assault, possession/sale/use of alcohol/drugs, and any action that includes the safety of the school bus as

a first or second offense may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal or superintendent.

Transportation of students is a privilege and is not required by law.