

## **SCHOOL BUS - TRANSPORTATION**

**BUS BEHAVIOR** – Our philosophy: We believe all students can behave appropriately and safely while riding on a school bus. We will tolerate no student stopping drivers from doing their job or preventing other students from having safe transportation. Providing transportation for students in the state of Indiana is not mandated. Therefore, it is to be considered by the student and his or her parents to be a privilege. Students who cause disruptions on the school bus will be removed and the transportation of that student becomes the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. Typically, a security camera is monitoring a student's behavior on the school bus.

**Bus Drivers have both Comet Cash and Discipline Tickets available to them and are encouraged to use them.** If a student's behavior on the school bus is deemed inappropriate, the following is the procedure for the student to be removed from the school bus:

**1st incident:** Warning by driver.

**2nd incident:** Student sits in special/designated seat.

**3rd incident:** Student is referred to the Principal.

Upon referral to the Office when efforts by the driver to correct the behavior have been unsuccessful:

**1st Referral to Office:** the student will receive a written warning by the Principal.

**2nd Referral to Office:** The student will be removed from the bus for a short period of time (up to five days depending on the severity of the incident)

**3rd Referral to Office:** The student will be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

**Severe Bus Misbehavior** – Certain behaviors by students cannot be tolerated nor accepted by the school corporation. Behavior threatening the health and safety of other students riding the bus would be examples of this type of severe misbehavior. Students can be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year due to severe misbehavior without receiving the consequences stated in the 1st and 2nd referral if the situation warrants such action and this is determined by the Principal.

### **THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE OBSERVED ON THE BUS**

1. Each student shall seat himself or herself immediately upon entering the bus in the seat assigned by the driver.
2. Students shall not stand or move from place to place while the bus is moving.
3. Students are not to open or close windows without permission from the driver.
4. Students are to keep arms, hands, feet, and head inside the bus. They're not to stick anything out of the windows or throw anything out of the bus.

5. Students are to observe school conduct (except for ordinary conversation) while loading and unloading and while riding in the bus. Loud, boisterous, or profane language or indecent conduct while on the bus will not be tolerated.
6. Students should not tease, scuffle, hold, hit or use their hands, feet, or body in any objectionable manner.
7. There is to be no talking by students while the bus is preparing to cross a railroad crossing.
8. There shall be no smoking, eating, or drinking on the school bus. (Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the driver as to eating and drinking on the bus for extra-curricular trips.)
9. Students are not to tamper with any safety device or other equipment.
10. Students may transport projects, musical instruments, or school-related items on the bus if they do not create a danger to other passengers. Books or other items being transported should be kept out of the aisles.
11. Students are not allowed to transport to school animals, insects, reptiles, or birds on the bus.
12. Students are to obey the driver and report promptly to the school principal if instructed to do so by the driver.
13. All students are to have assigned seats with a copy of the seat assignments available for substitute drivers.
14. Rules applying at the school are to continue on the buses until the students reach home or their destination.

Repeated violation of the above rules will be reported to the building principal. Following a conference with the student the principal shall administer consequences in accordance with the handbook.

**Bus Routes: Listed below are the regular drivers for the routes.**

Rt 1	Joyce Zartman	Rt 8	Peggy Dague
Rt 2	Randy Zartman	Rt 9	Tricia Martin
Rt 3	Daze Emery	Rt 10	Jerry Baker
Rt 4	Jennifer Richter	Rt 11	Darla Powlen
Rt 5	Greg DuVall	Rt 12	Missy Zartman
Rt 6	Terry Ulerick	Rt 13	Marla DuVall
Rt 7	Tanyna Hubenthal	Rt 14	Tim Strasser

Rt 8 Peggy Dague

Rt 9 Trica Martin

Rt 10 Jerry Baker

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Rt 12 Missy Zartman

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