

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING STUDENTS ON THE CONTRACTOR'S (STA) SCHOOL BUSES FOR MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J.

PREVIOUS TO LOADING:

1. Students should be at their designated bus stop 5 minutes prior to their pick-up time to ensure the bus adhering to the schedule.
2. Use caution when approaching the bus stop.
3. Always stay off the roadway while waiting for the bus.
4. Bus riders will conduct themselves in a safe manner (no pushing, shoving or horse play) while waiting for the bus.
5. Stay off all private property at or near the designated bus stops.
6. Wait until the bus comes to a COMPLETE STOP Before attempting to get on the bus.
7. For safety reasons the bus will not stop to board students once the bus has started to move. Buses are scheduled to depart 7 minutes after school is dismissed.

WHILE ON THE BUS:

1. The DRIVER oversees the bus and students.
2. Students must obey the driver's instructions promptly and explicitly.
3. NO "horse play" is permitted in or around the bus.
4. Classroom conduct is always expected *while riding the bus*.
5. Students *must always* remain seated while bus is in motion.
6. Students must not extend arms or heads out of the bus windows. Students must not throw objects of any kind from the bus.
7. No objects larger than a can, can be held comfortably on the student's lap may be transported on Regular Route buses. Including musical instruments and sports equipment. **NO SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES, OR SCOOTERS.**
8. Glass, heavy metal objects, animals, birds, reptiles, and insects are prohibited.
9. **NO EATING OR DRINKING ON TH BUS AT ANY TIME.** Water bottles are acceptable.
10. **DAMAGE TO THE BUS MUST BE PAID FOR BY THE STUDENT.**
11. Cell phone use is limited to texting or listening to music **with ear buds only.** Taking photos or watching video is prohibited.
12. Inappropriate language or comments directed at the driver will result in 5-day suspension.
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRIPS:

1. All bus rules and regulations apply to any trip under school sponsorship.
2. Students will follow the directions of a competent chaperone appointed by the school and the driver.
3. Students suspended from home to school transportation will also be suspended from extra-curricular trips.

AFTER LEAVING THE BUS:

1. Cross the road only when necessary 10 FEET IN FRONT of the bus. Cross only AFTER the driver gives the OK signal. Make sure traffic is stopped in either direction.
2. Look after the safety of small children.
3. Be alert to any danger signal from the driver.
4. The driver WILL NOT discharge students at places other than the appointed bus stop or at school without prior written and approved consent by both parent/guardian and the school.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION WILL MANAGE ALL DISCIPLINE THAT LEADS UP TO A MISCONDUCT NOTICE.

MISCONDUCT NOTICES:

FIRST NOTICES: Students must return all required copies to the driver with parent/guardian signature the following morning. School administration will be notified.

SECOND NOTICE: A referral will be made to the school administration. Parents/Guardians must contact STA at 970-249-0919 in addition to signing and return of the notice.

THIRD NOTICE: A referral will be made to the school administration. Student may be suspended from bus transportation for up to 5 (five) days as determined by the school administration. Parent/guardian may be required to meet with school administration and STA Official before student resumes bus transportation.

FOURTH NOTICE: A referral will be made to the school administration. The student may be suspended from school bus transportation for an extended period or removed from the bus for the remainder of the year, as determined by the school administration. At the end of suspension, parent/guardian, school administration and STA official will meet prior to resuming transportation to ensure a seamless transition back.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED AN AUTOMATIC THIRD NOTICE:

1. Use or possession of any and all tobacco products, vape pens, drugs, or alcohol.
2. The use or possession of matches, lighters, and flammables, including colognes, deodorants, and any pressurized cans.
3. The use of possessions of lasers/pointers in or around school busses.
4. Throwing items in or out of bus.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED AN AUTOMATIC FOURTH NOTICE:

1. FIGHTING (including assault). The sheriff/police may be notified, and charges may be filed with the District Attorney.
2. Exiting through an Emergency Exit Door *without* authorization.

THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE MAY RESULT IN A MINIMUM OF ONE CALENDAR YEAR SUSPENSION OF ALL BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES. INCLUDES EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRIPS.

1. Possession or use of any and all explosive devices, and/or the possession of any dangerous weapons. Sexual Misconduct.

AUTOMATIC ADVANCES IN MISCONDUCT NOTICES MAY BE GIVEN BY CONTRACTOR AND /OR SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR ANY MISCONDUCT, MISBEHAVIOR OR ANY DANGEROUS OFFENSE.