



TRANSPORTATION RULES

General and Special Education

The following student behavior and safety standards have been established as a guideline for all students eligible for transportation.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

1. Students in KG and 1st grade are required to be supervised by a parent/guardian when picked up and delivered to the bus stop. If no one is present, the student will be returned to their school for supervision until picked up by a parent/guardian.
2. Special education students must have a parent/guardian at their residence to receive them when dropped off. If there is not one present, the student will be returned to their school for supervision until picked up by a parent/guardian.
3. Cooperate with the driver. Students shall be respectful and not use obscene and/or abusive language. No yelling or screaming.
4. Use of aerosol sprays, perfumes, etc. is prohibited.
5. Students will not throw items in or out of the bus. This behavior can cause serious safety hazards.
6. No fighting, bullying, harassment or horseplay on the bus or at the bus stop.
7. Students will not deliberately stand on private property while waiting for the bus. **(If the bus stop does not allow enough space, please contact Transportation Services).**
8. Students will load and unload the bus in a safe and timely manner. Be at your stop at least 5 minutes prior to your assigned pick up time.
9. Students must stay seated and not turn around in their seat. Nothing should ever block the aisle.
10. Smoking and use of tobacco and/or drugs on the bus or at the bus stop is prohibited.
11. Students will not extend hands, arms, head or any body parts out of the windows.
12. Students will not tamper with equipment or vandalize the bus. Parents/students will be charged for repair to damage of the interior/exterior of the school bus.
13. Keep the bus clean. No eating or drinking on the bus.
14. Students may not be disruptive with electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, cameras, iPods/MP3 players, etc. If students are disruptive and/or create a safety hazard, appropriate disciplinary actions will follow.
15. Students may only ride the bus which serves their home address and may only board or get off at assigned stop unless approved by the school principal and/or Office of Transportation Services.
16. Large band instruments are not allowed on the school bus **(See Addendum)**.

SAFETY

1. Students will stay out of the streets while awaiting the arrival of the bus.
2. Students must remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and the stop arm is extended.
3. Students shall cross the street in front of the bus and under the direction of the driver. Look both ways then proceed to cross when the driver signals to them and the bus stop arm has been extended.

FIELD TRIPS

Students may participate in district and school sponsored field trips during the school year. The expectation is that students will follow all school bus behavior and safety rules as established by Transportation Services.

DISCIPLINE

If these behavior and safety expectations are not met, a behavior referral will be completed. The following procedures will take place:

1. After 3 referrals, the student will be suspended from the bus for 3 days.
2. After 4 referrals, the student will be suspended from the bus for 5 days.
3. After 5 referrals, a parent conference must take place before a student will be permitted back on the bus.
4. MMSD reserves the right to enforce any disciplinary action deemed necessary to always maintain safety on the bus

**** Remember: School Bus Transportation is a Privilege ****