

OREGON STATE REGULATIONS FOR PUPILS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

(Oregon Administrative Rule 581-053-0010)

1. Pupils being transported are under the authority of the bus driver.*
2. Fighting, wrestling, or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus.*
3. Pupils shall use the emergency door only in case of emergency.*
4. Pupils shall be on time for the bus both morning and evening.
5. Pupils shall not bring firearms, weapons, or other potentially hazardous material on the bus.*
6. Pupils shall not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals on the bus.
7. Pupils shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.*
8. Pupils may be assigned seats by the bus driver.
9. When necessary to cross the road, pupils shall cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver.*
10. Pupils shall not extend their hands, arms, or heads through the bus windows.*
11. Pupils shall have written permission to leave the bus other than at home or school.
12. Pupils shall converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited.*
13. Pupils shall not open or close windows without permission of the driver.
14. Pupils shall keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it.*
15. Pupils shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow pupils, and passers-by.
16. Pupils who refuse to obey promptly the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride the buses.*
17. Pupils shall not throw objects.*
18. Pupils shall not possess and/or use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.*
19. Pupils shall not eat or chew gum.*
20. Pupils shall not carry glass containers or other glass objects.*
21. Pupils shall not take on the bus skateboards, musical instruments or other large objects which might pose safety risks or barriers to safe entry/exit from the bus.

*** Failure to follow these rules will be considered a severe violation.**

Consequences of Bus Conduct Referrals:

- First Referral:** Warning: The driver verbally restates behavior expectations and issues warning citation.*
- Second Referral:** The student is suspended from the bus until conference has been held with the student, parent/guardian, MIDCO staff, and principal.
- Third Referral:** The student receives a 5-10 day suspension from the bus. A conference with MIDCO staff, student, parent, and the principal will be scheduled. A behavior contract will be made with the student and a bus seat may be assigned. Further violations will be considered severe violation.
- Severe Violations:** Any severe violation will result in the immediate suspension of the student from the bus for up to a one-year expulsion from the bus. A hearing will be scheduled with the student, MIDCO staff, parent/guardian, and principal.

Referrals must be signed by parent and principal before student is allowed to resume riding the bus.

The appeal process may be used if the student and/or parent/guardian desires.

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