



School Bus Regulations

Each pupil transported on a school bus, station wagon or automobile under contract to the Wallenpaupack Area School District shall comply with the following regulations:

1. The pupil shall at all times sit in the seat assigned by the school bus driver and shall not leave that seat while the bus is in motion.
2. Radios or tape/cd players are permitted on buses at the driver's discretion.
3. The pupil shall not at any time use foul, loud or offensive language, nor be involved in rude, discourteous or annoying conduct.
4. The pupil shall observe promptly instructions given by the school bus driver. The driver is in complete charge of the bus.
5. The pupil shall wait for the school bus to come to a full stop before boarding the bus and shall then immediately proceed to his/her assigned seat.
6. The pupil shall not project any part of his/her body out of the school bus window nor throw any object from a school bus.
7. Throwing of any object within the school bus is prohibited.
8. The pupil shall not at any time place books, musical instruments or other obstructions in the school bus aisle, nor shall the pupil bring articles aboard the school bus of an injurious or objectionable nature.
9. No pets or animals on the bus.
10. The pupil shall not interfere with nor tamper with any equipment on or off the school bus, or destroy any property on the school bus.
11. The pupil shall at all times observe accepted standards of health and cleanliness and shall assist the school bus driver in keeping the bus neat and orderly.
12. The pupil shall not at any time fight, push or engage in any form of horseplay.
13. The student is not at any time to light matches or use tobacco products or smoke on the bus. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances will be permitted.
14. The pupil shall observe behavior suitable to the safety and well being of others and shall also show respect for others.
15. Water guns or pistols are prohibited.
16. Bus drivers are not obligated to wait for a student who habitually runs to the bus at the last minute.
17. Students are not to eat or drink on the bus.
18. Students are expected to meet proper standards of behavior while at the bus stop. They are to wait in an orderly manner and refrain from running, or other such horseplay.
19. Students who wish to ride one of the late buses must secure a late bus pass from their coach, activities' sponsor, detention monitor or other adult/teacher supervisor. Late buses leave from the middle school loading area at 5:20 and the high school at 5:30 p.m. Students will not be allowed to board late buses without a late bus pass.
20. Students who wish to temporarily ride a bus other than their assigned bus must request permission to do so. Written parent request, indicating the reason, should be given to the homeroom teacher one day in advance. The Principal or the Assistant Principal will review the request; permission may be denied based on bus capacity, urgency of reason, etc.
21. All transportation discipline problems should be referred to the Principal's office at the appropriate school
22. Parents are not allowed on the school bus at any time.

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When one or more of the above regulations has been violated, the following procedures will be followed:

1. For minor infractions, the bus driver will do the follow in sequence:
 - a. warn the student – file incident report
 - b. change the student’s seat, if possible – file incident report
 - c. contact the parent/guardian – file incident report

2. For major or repeated minor infractions, the bus driver will turn the offense in to the Discipline Committee/Principal immediately. In keeping with the school discipline code, each case will be handled accordingly by the Discipline committee/Principal. Action to be taken by the Discipline Committee/Principal will be to suspend a student’s privilege of riding the bus, to notify the parent/guardian by phone and to mail a copy of the misconduct report to the student’s parent/guardian. A copy of the misconduct report will be sent to the supervisor of transportation.

3. For major infractions:
 - 1st offense – 3 days removal from bus
 - 2nd offense – 5 days removal from the bus
 - 3rd offense – 10 days removal from the bus

In the event of serious or repeated violation of bus regulations, the district may suspend the student’s bus riding privilege for 10 days or permanently remove the student’s bus riding privilege without going through the previous steps. Also, inappropriate behavior or conduct on the bus can result not only in suspension of the bus riding privileges but in suspension from school as well.

4. During any suspension of bus privileges, it will be the parents’ responsibility to transport the children to and from school. Student absence from school because of suspension of bus privileges is under Pennsylvania law considered illegal/unexcused.

5. If students are behaving inappropriately at the bus stop, parents and/or others should refer incidents to the appropriate police agency.