

**BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

TRANSPORTATION RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the policy of the Bay City School District to provide safe, courteous and regular transportation services to eligible students.

The first and foremost consideration is to safety and care of all students. To insure their safety, we must foster an environment on the bus that would allow the driver freedom to concentrate on driving.

Most students want a safe and pleasant bus ride to and from school. There are some, however, who have not yet learned that their personal freedom ends at the point where they destroy the personal freedom of someone else. For these particular students, the following disciplinary procedures have been developed.

BASIC BUS RULES

The driver is in full charge of the bus and has the right to demand order and good discipline. Pupils are to follow the driver's directions. The school district has the right to assign seats.

Responsibility of Students

1. Be courteous to others and safety-conscious at all times...line up in an orderly manner and wait no closer to the street than the city sidewalk or the country mailboxes. Wait until the bus stops before attempting to get on/off.
2. Walk to the bus stop facing traffic arriving 10 minutes before the bus arrives.
3. Always cross at least twelve (12) feet in front of the bus.
4. Do not fight or bully other students at the bus stop or on the bus.
5. Sit on the seat. Keep your hand, body and head inside of your assigned seating area.
6. Do not engage in shouting, loud talking, whistling, etc. The drivers must concentrate on their driving.
7. Students must be seated.
8. Profane or vulgar language and obscene signs or gestures will not be tolerated.
9. Damage to school property or others' personal broken property must be paid for by the person causing the damage.
10. Smoking, use of drugs, gambling, alcoholic possession or consumption, or any form of illegal activities are prohibited.

Responsibility of Parents/Guardians

1. To assure that their children arrive at the bus stop on time.
2. To provide necessary protection for their children when going to and from the bus stop and while they are at the bus stop.
3. To read and discuss bus policy with their children and to insure their understanding of basic bus rules.
4. To accept responsibility in cooperation with the school for insuring proper conduct of their children.
5. To cooperate with those responsible for students' transportation in maintaining and carrying out discipline procedures.

Responsibility of Bus Driver

1. To maintain discipline and order on the bus at all times.
2. To warn and/or separate any pupil from the bus who does not obey the transportation rules.
3. To take all necessary precautions for the safety and welfare of the passengers while they are on the bus.

PROCEDURES FOR INFRACTION OF THE BUS RULES

Anyone disobeying a bus rule will be warned and reported to the principal in writing by the bus driver.