

RULES FOR BUS CONDUCT

Haywood County Schools

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. With that being said, there's certain rules that need to be followed on the bus at all times. When any of the rules are broken, there's levels of consequences that will be taken.

1. Unauthorized personnel are not allowed on any bus.
2. Students will only be transported to and from home with the exception of a signed bus pass by the school.
3. Be 5 minutes early to your bus stop.
4. Stay 10 feet away from the bus at all times. Never reach or crawl under the bus. Tell the driver if anything goes under the bus.
5. If you must cross the road to enter the bus, please wait for the driver's signal to cross.
6. Always walk in front of the bus to load and unload.
7. When riding the bus, you will remain seated at all times on the bus.
8. Students may be assigned seats per the driver's discretion.
9. When the bus is in motion, students are to be seated and facing the front of the bus.
10. Do not touch the emergency exit or any other safety equipment on the bus unless directed to do so by the bus driver or monitor.
11. Do not throw anything inside or out of the bus windows at any time.
12. Fighting, pushing, kicking, bullying or harassment will not be tolerated at any time.
13. Any form of inappropriate language will not be tolerated while on the bus. Using inside voices is preferred instead of yelling.
14. Any carry-on items should fit within your seat, from instruments to backpacks and projects.
15. The use of cell phones with an ear bud is allowed, only one ear bud is used at a time.
16. Balloons, flower arrangements and other breakable items should not be on the bus.
17. Weapons, explosive devices, drugs or chemicals are not allowed on the bus.
18. Animals or insects are not allowed on the bus.
19. Any form of tobacco and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the bus.
20. Bottled water is allowed. Food may be allowed on the bus within the driver's discretion.
21. No perfumes, colognes, lotions, fingernail polish or irritants shall be permitted on bus.

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22. Kindergarten and special needs children must have an adult present morning and afternoon in order to ride the bus. If there is not a parent or legal guardian present to receive the child, the student will be taken to the bus garage for parent pick-up.
23. Students who want to ride a bus not listed on their bus form must receive a bus pass from the school office before noon. If no pass is presented to the driver, the student will not be allowed to ride that bus.
24. If a student damages any part of a bus, the student's parents/guardian will be held financially responsible. The student will not be allowed to ride until the debt is paid.

Bus Seats	\$150
Windows	\$300

Protocol for Bus Write-Ups

This is for severe write-ups (Any type of physical harm, threatening language to anyone, throwing of objects and the use of illegal substances).

Warning # 1 will result in a final warning.

Warning # 2 will result in 2 days suspension off the bus.

Warning # 3 will result in 5 days suspension off the bus.

Warning # 4 will result in 10 days suspension off the bus.

Warning # 5 will result in permanent suspension off the bus.

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Please return the last page to the driver and keep the bus rules to discuss with your child.

I have read, understand and have explained the bus conduct rules to my bus rider(s)

Bus # _____

My Bus rider(s) name(s) : _____

Please print your name here

Signature

Date

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Additional comments or information: _____
