

## STUDENTS

### Bus Conduct

The mission of the Transportation Department is to provide safe and timely bus service to the District's students. To do this, drivers must be able to concentrate on operating their vehicles in a variety of traffic conditions, being always alert and vigilant. Excessive noise or misconduct by bus passengers can distract a driver and endanger all students on the bus. Although transportation is a privilege, the support and cooperation of parents and students are needed to ensure that bus rides are as safe as possible.

All children attending the Central Kitsap public schools and meeting the eligibility requirements prescribed by the District are entitled to ride District buses, subject to all behavior rules of the District in Policy 3245 and 3245P.

### Bus Rules

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and its passengers. Students shall obey the driver and/or teacher, coach, or other staff members.
2. Students shall ride only the assigned bus and get on and off at the assigned bus stop, unless signed written permission from the building administrators is given to the driver. Students suspended from one bus are suspended from all buses.
3. Students may be assigned to seats.
4. Students shall not engage in unsafe acts while waiting for the school bus. Students who cross the roadway will cross at the direction of the driver.
5. Students shall not bring hazardous items including breakable containers onto the bus.
6. Animals, other than canine companions, are not allowed on a bus.
7. Belongings shall be kept out of the aisles and the areas in front of emergency exit doors and rear windows.
8. Items brought on the bus must be able to sit in the passenger's lap, or between his/her feet, without extending above the lower window ledge.
9. Ordinary conversation and classroom conduct must be observed.
10. Students are to remain seated until permission is given by the driver.

11. Students will not litter the bus. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus, except when authorized.
12. Students shall follow emergency exit drill procedures as prescribed by the driver.
13. No passenger may extend any body part out of a window.
14. Students causing damage to buses shall be charged with the cost of the damage.

Consequences for Misbehavior

Students may be disciplined for failure to comply with these bus rules. Discipline may include assignment to a specific bus seat, parent conference, and suspension of bus riding privileges. Students or parents may appeal the discipline found under Policy 3241.

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