

# Bus Conduct Rules

Student safety is the primary concern of the Community School Corporation of Eastern Hancock County's Transportation Department. The following safety rules and conduct codes have been established to help insure student safety while riding the school bus. Safety demands complete cooperation. Violations of any of the safety rules and conduct codes, or any other dangerous or disruptive acts on the bus, may result in suspension of bus riding privileges. A School Bus is an extension of the classroom and actions not allowed in class will not be allowed on the bus.

1. Be on time at the assigned school bus stop. We suggest being at the stop five minutes before the scheduled bus stop time.
2. Drivers are not expected to pick students up at their homes or anywhere other than the assigned bus stop location.
3. Bus drivers are not expected to wait on students that are not at their assigned stop when the bus arrives.
4. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
5. Do not move toward the bus until the bus has been brought to a complete stop. Wait for the driver's signal if crossing the road. Cross in front of the crossing arm, never behind the bus.
6. Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.
7. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times. Windows can be opened to the legally designated line only.
8. Loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and could result in a serious accident. Quiet voices must be used on the bus.
9. Eating, drinking, chewing gum and smoking are not allowed.
10. Do not throw anything in the bus or out the windows. Keep the bus safe and clean at all times.
11. Be absolutely quiet at railroad crossings.
12. Get on and off at your assigned bus stop only. The bus driver is not permitted to do exceptions to this rule without proper authorization from a school official.
13. Do not bring large art projects or instruments, animals, pets, or large objects on the school bus. Under no circumstances should firearms, explosives, or weapons be brought onto a school bus. Lunch boxes, smaller musical instruments, and small athletic equipment (those which can easily be transported on a student's lap or under the seat) must be kept out of the aisle.
14. Never tamper with or vandalize the bus, seats or any bus equipment.
15. When getting off the bus, if you need to cross the road, walk out in front of the crossing arm in front of the bus. Watch traffic in both directions. Wait for a signal from the bus driver permitting you to cross.
16. Sit in your assigned seat only. The seat each student occupies and the back of the seat in front of the student are the responsibility of the student. Damage to school property will be the student's or guardian's financial responsibility.
17. Remain in the bus in the event of an emergency. Listen to the instructions given by the driver and follow the safety rules.
18. Observe all school conduct rules at the bus stop and while on the bus. School conduct rules apply on the regular bus routes as well as any extra-curricular events.

19. The use of cameras is prohibited, including cell phone cameras.
20. Cell phones shall not be used on the bus unless the bus driver authorizes it, and the use of cell phone cameras, and any other electronic recording device is prohibited.
21. Parents/ Guardians are not permitted to board a school bus without permission from administration unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity and transportation is a part of that activity.
22. The privilege of riding the school bus may be denied to any student who does not conduct himself/herself in a safe and orderly fashion. School bus drivers and administration will determine what is safe and orderly. The bus driver reserves the right to assign seating for any student(s) for any reason.
23. The driver has full authority of the bus while students are being transported. For misconduct, the driver, upon notifying the parent/guardian, may suspend a student from riding for one day. The building administrator may recommend a three or five-day suspension from riding. Further misconduct will result in the riding privilege being revoked for the remainder of the semester.