

Leaving the Bus (continued)

Students must remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.

Students are to leave the bus in an orderly manner at their assigned stops.

After getting off the bus, students should walk at least six (6) feet from the bus and immediately leave the bus stop area. If objects are dropped under or near the bus, students shall not attempt to retrieve them unless the driver is outside of the bus to provide assistance.

If students must cross a street, they are to do so at a distance of at least 10 feet in front of the bus. They must not cross until the driver has signaled that it is safe to do so.

DISCIPLINE

Drivers are required to report any infraction of these rules and regulations to the school principal. The driver submits a written referral report to the school principal on the student's behavior. After the second report, the student may be suspended from riding the bus. The principal will be responsible for disciplinary action, which may include loss of bus privileges.

Bus behavior may be monitored by video equipment.

If a serious disciplinary problem occurs on the afternoon bus, the driver will return the student to the principal of the school.

If you have questions regarding transportation, please contact the school principal or the transportation department at 970-3532.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Transportation Department
Charlottesville Transit Service
4th Street, N.W., Charlottesville, VA
Phone 970-3532

It is essential for students to know that parents, principals and drivers are working together to ensure acceptable behavior on buses and to ensure the safety of all students. Riding a school bus is a privilege. If students do not follow the rules governing conduct, they may endanger their safety and the safety of other students. Students who continuously disregard the rules may be denied bus transportation.

MEETING THE BUS

Parents are encouraged to monitor the safety of students at bus stops, especially those students in grades preschool through grade 4. It is recommended that students be at the bus stop no earlier than five (5) minutes before the scheduled pickup time.

Students must not stand on the roadway while waiting for the bus and are to refrain from running, pushing, fighting and arguing.

While waiting at the bus stop, students must respect the property of homeowners in the area.

Students must not run along the side of a moving bus. They must wait until the bus has stopped and then walk to the front door.

If students must cross the street to board the bus, they are to wait until the bus comes to a full stop and the driver signals

Meeting the Bus (continued)

that it is safe to cross. Students must walk across the street at a distance of not less than 10 feet in front of the bus.

When entering the bus, students must go directly to seats in an orderly fashion and in accordance with instructions.

CONDUCT ON THE BUS

Students must go directly to their seats after entering the bus and must remain seated unless told to do otherwise by the driver.

Students must obey the driver and be courteous to the driver and fellow students.

Students must wait until the bus has stopped, then walk to the front door when exiting the bus.

Students must not deface the bus or throw paper or other litter on the floor of the bus. Tampering with the emergency door or other bus equipment is prohibited. Costs for willful damage must be paid by the parents or guardians of students responsible for the damage.

Students must not engage in any behavior that might distract the driver or cause a safety hazard. This includes any form of misbehavior, rule violation, loud talking or laughter, or talking to the bus driver while the bus is in motion, except in an emergency.

Students must not bring pets or other animals, glass containers, water pistols, balloons, or weapons of any kind on the school bus.

Students must not place books, musical instruments, or other large objects in the aisle or at the front of the bus.

Conduct on the Bus (continued)

Students must not open windows without permission from the driver. Shouting at pedestrians and throwing objects out of the open windows are prohibited.

Students must not wave or shout at others, extend arms, legs, heads or objects through windows, or ride on the outside of the bus. Students are not allowed to eat or drink on the bus.

Students must not create a distraction by using tape players, compact disc players, radios or other electronic devices.

BUS STOPS

No change will be made in the location of bus stops or bus routing without the approval of the transportation department. The driver is not permitted to alter routes or change the location of stops without this approval.

Students must use the bus to which they are assigned. No change in bus assignments may be made without the permission of the school principal and the transportation department.

Students must have a parent's note signed by the school principal authorizing use of a different stop or route.

LEAVING THE BUS

Preschool and kindergarten students are to be met at the bus stop daily by a parent or designee. Any student who is not met by the parent or designee will be returned to the school. A Bus Referral Report will be submitted to the school principal to document the incident. After the third report, if the parent/designee is not cooperative, the parent/designee will be requested to pick up the student at the school at which he/she attends.