

Amendment to Bus Transportation Policy on Page 6 of Lordstown High School Handbook

Bus Transportation

Bus transportation is provided for your convenience. Ohio does not require that transportation be provided for high school students (grades 9 thru 12). However, the Lordstown Local School Board provides transportation in our district. Students who fail to comply with the bus safety regulations may be denied the privilege of bus transportation. While on the bus, students are under the direct supervision and control of the driver. This also applies to transportation to athletic events and student activities.

Pupils are to ride the bus assigned to them to and from school. The possible exception to this rule is in the event of an emergency. Written permission for a bus change must be submitted to the High School Secretary (in the morning) for approval. If approved, a bus slip is prepared and given to the student at the end of the day who, in turn, gives it to the bus driver on the bus in which he/she will be riding. In case the note is disapproved, the student will be notified and the parent will be called

When a bus arrives late to school students are not counted tardy.

All students are required to follow the following rules and procedures:

School Bus Rules

- 1. Load and unload from a bus at its designated stop only and in an orderly manner. Students should be prepared and ready to go 5 minutes prior to the expected arrival time of the bus and proceed purposefully to the bus when it arrives to pick up.**
- 2. If a student misses the bus, the parent should make other arrangements for transportation to school. No student is permitted to get on the bus at a later stop. It is very unsafe for students to run alongside the road to catch the bus.**
- 3. Students are permitted to ride only the bus assigned to them. The possible exception would be in the event of an emergency. Written permission slips for a bus exchange must be submitted to the High School Secretary in the morning for approval. Please list your phone number on the requesting form. Requests for matters of convenience or to socialize after school will not be honored.**
- 4. Walk to your assigned seat on the bus without disturbing or crowding other students and remain seated while the bus is moving.**

- 5. Obey the driver promptly and respectfully and recognize that he/she has a very important responsibility and that it is everyone's duty to help ensure safety.**
- 6. Be courteous to fellow students and the driver.**
- 7. Remain seated until the bus stops to walk in front to exit.**
- 8. Keep the bus clean and sanitary.**
- 9. Use an indoor voice on the bus. No loud talking, screaming, horseplay or profanity.**
- 10. No standing on bus while it is in motion.**
- 11. Keep all body parts in the bus at all times.**
- 12. No weapons, tobacco, alcohol, or drugs are to be possessed on the bus.**
- 13. Be absolutely quiet at all railroad crossings and other places of danger as specified by the driver.**
- 14. No use of cameras or any electronic device being used to take photographs on the bus.**
- 15. Students riding the bus are subject to school rules while on the bus and may receive additional penalties for violation of these rules.**

The following progressive discipline procedures will be followed in accordance to expected bus behavior:

First Offense: The matter will be discussed with your child and he/she will be warned about the consequences of future behavior problems on the bus. If the behavior violates a specific school policy appropriate disciplinary action will also taken.

Second Offense: The student will be issued a suspension from riding the bus for the period of days determined by the High School Principal in accordance with expected bus behavior and the Lordstown High School Handbook. If the behavior violates a specific school policy appropriate disciplinary action will also taken.

Third Offense: The student's case will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Lordstown Local Schools to determine future discipline which may include suspension or removal from the bus.

Automatic Suspension: The following violations shall result in an automatic 10 day suspension from the bus with fines imposed on students who are involved in acts of vandalism on the bus. Permanent removal from the bus can also be explored for these offenses dependent upon the severity.

- A. Fighting (Police can also be called at the discretion of the bus driver, or school administrator)**
- B. Harassment of students/bullying**

C. Profanity/Vulgarity

D. Acts of vandalism include but not limited to

a. Writing on seats

b. Cutting the seats

c. Breaking of windows