

LANGUAGE ACADEMY

BUS RULES & CONSEQUENCES

It is the priority of the school and the district to ensure the safe and orderly transportation of our commuter students.

- **RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE THAT SHOULD NOT BE ABUSED**
- **EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO A SAFE & PLEASANT BUS RIDE TO AND FROM SCHOOL.**
- **ALL BUS STUDENTS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR TO & FROM SCHOOL**

Parents/guardians: Please take few minutes to read and review the bus rules and consequences to your child/children and to discuss with them the seriousness of appropriate behavior on bus.

Safety & General Rules on the Bus

1. **Respect the authority of the driver and follow directions given by the bus driver.**
2. **Respect the rights of others** inside and outside the bus.
3. **Enter and leave the bus in an orderly manner**
4. **Be seated in grade order:** the kindergarteners & 1st graders should be seated at the front and older students toward the back, **unless driver assigns seats for other safety reasons.**
5. **Remain properly seated at ALL times:** keep head and other parts of the body inside your seat and out of the aisle, your head cannot lean on the window.
6. Ask the driver's **permission before opening windows** and only put the windows down half way.
7. **Physical contact with other students**, such as, fighting, hitting, kicking, or any other type of inappropriate physical contact causing bodily harm **is not allowed.**
8. **No BULLYING will be tolerated.**
9. **No vandalizing/damaging** the inside/outside of the bus (graffiti, etc.)
10. **No throwing things on the bus and outside through the windows.**
11. **No Cell Phones use on the bus.** These should be turned off and kept out of sight- preferably in a backpack, book bag, or purse. Due to privacy concerns, students may not take pictures of other students or employees without written consent. *IN CASE OF EMERGENCY or unexpected need, cell phones may be used **only** with the driver's permission*
12. No food, drinks, snacks or gum on the bus.
13. No loud conversation or loud singing.
14. No playing musical instruments while on the bus

School Protocol and Consequences

The bus ride is considered an extension of the school day. Bus behavior may affect a student's citizenship mark on their report card.

Bus Referral: when a student's behavior is unacceptable the driver will file a written report and submit it to an administrator to investigate the incident and take appropriate action.

Counseling: when a student's misconduct does not jeopardize the safety or welfare of other students, or interfere with the operation of the bus.

Suspension: depending on the rule that is broken and/or the severity of the offense.
(i.e. Breach of rules 1-10 - to be determined by an Administrator).

Loss of Riding Privileges: excessive bus referrals, (determined by an Administrator).

If a student receives a bus referral regarding Physical Contact Causing Bodily Harm (Actual or Threatened could cause Immediate Suspension of student from riding the bus for length of time determined by the Administration. Additional school consequences will also take effect for students involved in fighting.