
Subject: **Transportation – Rules and Regulations Regarding Pupil
Transportation to and From School**

I. Purpose:

Transportation's goal is to provide safe transportation to and from school for eligible students. These rules and regulations are for the student's safety.

II. Policy:

The Wasatch County School District is legally responsible to transport all school-age children, K-6 students who live one and one-half miles or more from their designated school and students in grades 7-12 who live two miles or more from their designated school. The School District reserves the right, within limits prescribed by law, either to provide or to pay in lieu of transportation. The School District reserves the right to suspend bus privileges for behavior reasons to ensure the safety of all riders. The school bus is an extension of the school building and campus. All District and school rules are in effect on the school bus.

III. Procedure:

A. Students to be transported must appear on the approved transportation list.

B. Students shall follow the Rules for Bus Riders.

Rules for Bus Riders:

1. Passengers shall follow the directives of the bus driver.
2. Use of tobacco or any illegal substance will not be allowed on the bus.
3. Passengers shall keep the bus clean.
4. Passengers must be on time and will only get on or off the bus at their assigned stops. Exceptions must have approval from parents and principal.
5. Items that may cause disruption or injury to passengers are not allowed on the bus (i.e., knives, lighters, fire arms, pets, skate boards, etc.).
6. Oversize items such as science and history fair projects may not be transported on the bus without the approval of the principal and the bus driver.

7. Boarding the bus:

- a. Students must form an orderly line a safe distance (12 feet) from the bus.
- b. Wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding.
- c. Passengers must make eye contact with the driver and remain plainly in the driver's field of vision until safely on the bus.
- d. Enter the bus one at a time using the handrail.
- e. Go to your seat and sit down immediately.
- f. Place items on your lap or under your seat.
- g. Items that will not fit under the seat or on your lap are not permitted

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- h. At bus stops that require students to cross a main thoroughfare, students who have not arrived prior to the arrival of the bus are instructed to wait until the school bus comes to a complete stop before crossing the roadway. The student must always look both ways and wait for the driver to signal when it is alright to cross, look both ways again and proceed, in front of the bus, when it is safe to do so.
- 8. Conduct while riding the bus:**
- a. Passengers will sit properly in their seats, keeping hands to themselves. Passengers must be sitting down whenever the bus is moving. “Properly in their seat” is defined as sitting as if a seat belt is being properly used. The aisle must be kept clear.
 - b. Remain seated while on the bus.
 - c. No passenger will extend his/her hand, head or any materials out of the windows at any time.
 - d. Remain facing forward and talk in normal voice tone.
 - e. Refrain from loud and or vulgar language.
 - f. Passengers are not to use radios, stereos or other sound equipment except with private headphones and will be expected to be courteous.
 - g. No food or beverage may be consumed on the bus during regular bus routes.
- 9. Exiting the bus:**
- a. Stay in your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.
 - b. Walk quietly down the aisle keeping your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
 - c. Use the handrail when exiting the school bus
 - d. Immediately walk at least 12 feet from the bus.
 - e. If a student needs to cross the roadway after exiting the bus he/she should:
 - i. Walk to a location at least 12 feet in front of the right corner of the bumper, but still remain away from the front of the school bus.
 - ii. Stop and look in all directions, making sure the roadway is clear and safe.
 - iii. Check to see if the red flashing lamps on the bus are still flashing, all cars are stopped, and the roadway is clear.
 - iv. Wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the roadway. Upon the driver's signal, the students should look both ways and walk across the roadway when it is safe to do so.
- C. Parents are responsible to get children to and from bus stops. Until the student steps on the school bus, parents are responsible for their child's safety and conduct.
- D. School District employees who receive reports of student misconduct at or near bus stops should notify parents, police officers, or law enforcement agencies, as necessary.

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E. Removal of Bus Privileges

School buses are an extension of the school and Wasatch County School District's policies are in effect on school buses. Students' conduct and riding privileges are subject to the District's Safe School Policy.

F. Establishment of Bus Routes and Stops

Transportation Services will establish bus stops and routes in accordance with state standards and regulations.

G. Homeless Students

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, homeless children and youth are entitled to receive transportation and other services that are available to non-homeless students, and ensure transportation is provided, at the request of the parent or guardian (or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison) to and from the (school of origin) in accordance with the following requirements:

- a. If the homeless child or youth continues to live in the area served by the LEA (Legal Education Administrator) in which the school of origin is located, that LEA must provide or arrange for the child's or youth's transportation to or from the school of origin.
- b. If the homeless child or youth continues his or her education in the school of origin, but begins living in an area served by another LEA, the LEA of origin and the LEA in which the homeless child or youth is living must agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the LEAs cannot agree upon a method, the responsibility and costs for transportation are to be shared equally.

H. Ineligible Students

Ineligible students may ride the school bus to and from an existing bus stop, on a space available basis provided that neither time, mileage, nor other appreciable cost is added as a result of this service. Student must be annually registered and have a space available form completed and on file. Students with a space available form will be notified of the availability of space after routes are established and all eligible riders are accommodated. No eligible bus students are to be displaced or required to stand in order to make room for an ineligible student.

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2. No eligible bus students are to be displaced or required to stand in order to make room for an ineligible student.