

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING STUDENTS

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- 6.1 Student Regulations
  - 6.1.1 Student transportation is a privilege extended to students who qualify for transportation pursuant to statutes 22-16-2 and 22-16-4, N.M.S.A., 1978 Compilation. Students who do not obey the state and local regulation governing student transportation may have their transportation privileges revoked by the school district.
  - 6.1.2 Students who are compelled to walk a distance to meet the bus must walk on the road to their left facing traffic, except on divided or multi-lane roadways.
  - 6.1.3 Students must be on time at their assigned bus stop. The bus driver will not wait for students not at the loading area.
  - 6.1.4 Students must wait in a safe place, clear of traffic and away from where the bus stops. Students shall wait in an orderly line and avoid "horseplay" when loading, the students should clear the traffic area immediately.
  - 6.1.5 The driver is in full charge of students when they are riding on the bus. The students must obey the driver promptly. In cases where a teacher or school administrator is on the bus, at the request of the driver, they are also authorized to enforce student discipline.
  - 6.1.6 Students shall not get on or off the bus while it is in motion. Students must remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear.
  - 6.1.7 Without the advance permission of a responsible school official students will not be permitted to leave the bus on the way to or from school except at their regular assigned stop or school.
  - 6.1.8 Students must occupy the seats assigned them by the bus driver.
  - 6.1.9 Students shall not be permitted in front of the passenger seating area while the bus is in motion.
  - 6.1.10 Students are not to carry on unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion

- 6.1.11 Students will stay out of the driver's seat and will not tamper with any equipment
- 6.1.12 Students shall be courteous and obedient to the driver.
- 6.1.13 Students must cooperate with bus driver in keeping the bus clean.
- 6.1.14 Rough or boisterous conduct will not be permitted in the bus; however, students are permitted to converse in a normal tone of voice while in the bus. Students should keep absolutely quiet when the bus is approaching a railroad crossing and remain quiet until the bus is safely across the tracks.
- 6.1.15 Students shall not use profane language or obscene gestures and shall not eat food or drink any beverage on the bus.
- 6.1.16 Students should remember that misconduct or carelessness not only endangers their own safety, but also the safety of the other students on the bus.
- 6.1.17 Students must not extend their hands, arms, heads or objects through the bus window.
- 6.1.18 Animals, firearms, knives explosives, breakable glass items, or other dangerous objects are not permitted on the bus. No item that will block the aisle or is unsecured shall be carried on the bus.
- 6.1.19 Students must not open or close the bus windows without the permission of the bus driver.
- 6.1.20 Students shall not throw any item inside or outside the bus while boarding, riding, or leaving the bus.
- 6.1.21 The use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or controlled substances shall not be permitted.
- 6.1.22 Students will not ride on the outside of the school bus at any time or attach any item to the bus.
- 6.1.23 Parents or guardians shall be held responsible for malicious destruction to the bus.

- 6.1.24 Any damage to the bus from any cause shall be reported by passengers to the driver, and the driver, will, in turn, report it to the proper school official.
- 6.1.25 Students who must cross the road after alighting from the bus must pass far enough in front of the bus (approximately eight to ten feet) so that the driver can see them. Students will cross on the road only when the driver signals all is clear. The only exception to this rule is in urban areas where pedestrian crossings are provided at intersections and students will be instructed to cross after the bus leaves the unloading zone or when the traffic signals direct them to cross. Students will not cross multi-lane roadways to meet the bus except in urban areas where crosswalks or traffic signals are provided.
- 6.1.26 Students shall look both ways before crossing to the opposite side of the road.

## 5.2 PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.2.1 For safe riding on a school bus by their child, parents responsibilities include the following.
- a. Insuring that their child arrives at the designed bus stop a few minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus.
  - b. Providing protection or supervision for their child when unusual conditions warrant precaution beyond ordinary circumstances.
  - c. Activity cooperating with the school officials and school bus operators regarding appropriate conduct of their child at bus stops and while walking to and from bus stops.
  - d. Assisting with implementation and enforcement of school bus rider safety.

