



Southwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County



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Transportation Conduct Rules

Student safety is the primary concern of the Southwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County Transportation Department. The following safety rules and conduct codes have been established to help ensure student safety while riding the school bus. Safety demands complete cooperation. Violations of any of the safety rules and transportation conduct codes, or any other dangerous or disruptive acts on the bus, may result in suspension of bus riding privileges. A school bus is an extension of the classroom and actions not allowed in class will not be allowed on the bus. All [CDC](#) guidelines will be followed as it pertains to face coverings.

1. Remain in the bus in the event of an emergency. Listen to the instructions given by the driver and follow the safety rules.
2. Any unnecessary behavior (loud talking, laughing, and noises, etc.) can divert the attention of the driver and result in a serious accident. Appropriate voice level and behavior is required at all times on the bus. Riders must be absolutely quiet at railroad crossings.
3. We suggest being at the **assigned** bus stop two to three minutes before the scheduled bus stop time. Drivers will only pick up students at the **assigned** bus stops determined by the transportation director.
4. Stay off the road and do not move toward the bus until the bus has been brought to a complete stop. Wait for the driver's signal if crossing the road and **NEVER** cross behind the bus.
5. When getting off the bus, if you need to cross the road, wait for a signal from the bus driver permitting you to cross.
6. Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion and keep hands/head inside the bus at all times.
7. Do not throw anything in the bus or out the windows.
8. The aisle must be clear of all equipment at all times. Do not bring unnecessary objects on the school bus.
9. Under no circumstances should firearms, explosives, or weapons be brought onto a school bus.
10. Never tamper with or vandalize the bus, seats or any bus equipment.
11. Sit in your assigned seat only. The seat each student occupies and the back of the seat in front of the student are the responsibility of the student. Damage to school property will be the student's or guardian's financial responsibility.
12. Observe all school conduct rules at the bus stop and while on the bus. School conduct rules apply on the regular bus routes as well as any extra-curricular events.
13. The use of cameras is prohibited, including cell phone cameras. Cell phones are not permitted to be in use while loading and unloading the bus.
14. Parents/ Guardians are not permitted to board a school bus without permission from administration unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity and transportation is a part of that activity.
15. The privilege of riding the school bus may be denied to any student who does not conduct himself/herself in a safe and orderly fashion. School bus drivers and administration will determine what is safe and orderly. The bus driver reserves the right to assign seating for any student(s) for any reason.
16. The driver has full authority of the bus while students are being transported. For misconduct, the driver will notify the parent/guardian of any inappropriate behavior.
17. The building administrator may recommend a three or five-day suspension from riding the bus for inappropriate conduct or behavior. Further misconduct will result in the riding privilege being revoked for the remainder of the semester and/or year.

Bus #	Student Signature/Name	Parent/Guardian Signature
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