



PASSENGER RULES AND REGULATIONS



These bus rules are made to protect the students while going to and from school. It is the duty of the students to obey these rules. Students who fail to comply with the bus rules and regulations are subject to the Carteret County Board of Education Policy JFCC – Student Conduct on School Buses. Bus rules will be taught in the classroom within the first five days. Emergency evacuation procedures will be practiced at the same time.

Meeting and Entering the Bus

1. Passengers will select the safest route to designated bus stop.
2. Passengers should be at the bus stop five minutes prior to normal stop time. The bus cannot wait for late students.
3. Passengers will wait for the bus in an orderly fashion and refrain from fighting, horseplay, or unsafe conduct.
4. Passengers will stay off the road while waiting at a bus stop. They will not cross the road until the bus and all traffic have stopped and the driver motions them that it is safe to cross. When the bus arrives, passengers will line up single file and not attempt to board the bus until it is completely stopped, the door is opened, *and* the driver indicates they may board.
5. Passengers will walk across the road approximately ten feet in front of the bus in full view of the driver.

On the Bus

1. Passengers will enter the school bus, take their seats quickly and remain seated. They will refrain from moving around or changing seats in the bus when it is in motion.
2. Passengers will keep all body parts inside the bus at all times.
3. Passengers will not throw objects inside the bus or out the window.
4. Passengers will not shout, wave or gesture to pedestrians or occupants of other vehicles from the bus windows.
5. Passengers will not bring glass bottles, stones, sticks, snakes, animals, bullets, weapons or toy guns, or anything considered unnecessary or dangerous on buses. (See Carteret County Policy Manual)
6. Passengers are not allowed to bring any items on the school bus that will compromise the safety of other passengers or are against school rules.

7. Passengers will not eat, drink or chew gum while riding on a school bus.
8. Passengers will keep the aisle clear and never pile books, musical instruments, lunch boxes, or other objects in the aisle.
9. Passengers will not use profane or vulgar language or gestures, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages while riding on a bus.
10. Passenger will not be loud, boisterous, or distract the driver's attention in any way.
11. Passengers will maintain complete silence at all railroad crossings.
12. Passengers will not fight, play or scuffle on the school bus.
13. Passengers will not tamper with the emergency exits or any other part of the bus.
14. Passengers will not mar or deface the bus in any way. Students will be required to pay for any damage.
15. Passengers will not tamper with fire extinguishers or first aid supplies.
16. No person will ride a bus unless assigned to it by the principal or designee.
17. Passengers will not litter the school bus and will help keep it clean.

Arrival on the School Grounds

1. Passengers will remain seated until the bus reaches the unloading area and the driver has opened the door.
2. Passengers in front should move out first, walking quickly and orderly.
3. Passengers will not loiter or play near a stopped school bus.

Entering the Bus After School

1. Bus students will walk directly to their buses after the dismissal bell.
2. After entering the bus, passengers will be seated and be quiet so that all passengers can hear driver's instructions.

Leaving the Bus En Route Home

1. A passenger will ride only his/her assigned bus and will leave the bus only at his/her designated stop. Only with permission of the principal or designee will the driver be permitted to allow a passenger to leave the bus at any other stop not designated for him/her.
2. When the bus arrives at the assigned stop, passengers will remain seated until the bus has completely stopped, the bus driver opens the door, and then will walk quickly to the front of the bus.
3. If the road must be crossed after getting off the bus, passengers will cross ten feet in front of the bus, make certain the stop signal is extended, all traffic is stopped, and cross at driver's direction only.
4. If the road is not to be crossed after getting off the bus, passengers will move quickly away from the bus in view of the driver and go directly home. They will not remain near the bus to talk with, frolic with, or touch hands with bus passengers. Passengers will not stop to pick up dropped objects without informing the driver and receiving permission.