

Cheshire Public Schools Transportation

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Bus Rules & Regulations

The following information is provided so that you can help your child comply with the following bus Rules and Regulations.

The primary objective of the bus transportation system is to provide safe, efficient, and economical bus transportation for the students of the Cheshire Schools. Courtesy and good manners are essential in achieving this objective. To meet this objective, full cooperation in adhering to the following rules and regulations is necessary.

1. The driver of the bus is in full charge of the bus and all students riding therein.
2. Students must take a seat when they enter the bus and remain seated until their designated stop. They should get on and off the bus only when it is fully stopped.
3. Reasonable conversation is permitted. No indecent or profane language shall be permitted on the bus, nor shall there be any rowdiness or loud talking.
4. Conversation with the driver is prohibited while the vehicle is moving.
5. The use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on the bus is prohibited.
6. Students must not throw paper, hats, snowballs, or other objects in or about the bus.
7. Bus windows shall not be opened without permission from the driver.
8. Students shall assist in keeping the bus clean and orderly and shall refrain from damaging or abusing the bus, its cushions, padding or other equipment.
9. The emergency door is to be kept free and available at all times.
10. Upon entering or leaving the bus, students shall avoid crowding or in any way disturbing others.
11. After alighting from the bus, students living on the opposite side of the road shall cross to the other side in front of the bus.
12. Students who damage, injure, or deface any bus or any equipment on any bus shall be held liable for such damage.
13. Students are expected to be at their assigned bus

stop at least ten minutes prior to the regular bus arrival time.

14. Given limited seating capacity, any object that is too large to be held on the student's lap cannot be brought on the school bus, unless a prior arrangement has been made with the Transportation Office of the Cheshire Public Schools.

15. Dangerous implements may not be brought on any school bus operated by or for the Cheshire Public Schools.

16. Transportation changes for a single day, such as a change of bus or bus stop, require a written request from the parent or guardian. Such requests will be acted upon by the school principal.

Transportation changes for more than a single day, including a change of bus or bus stop, also require a written request from the parent or guardian. Requests for more than one day will be acted upon by the Transportation Office of the Cheshire Public Schools.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any student who violates any of these regulations may be prohibited by the school principal, either temporarily or permanently, from riding the bus, may be suspended from school, or subjected to such other disciplinary action as may be deemed proper by the administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL BUS PRIVILEGES

a. **Minor Offenses:** Standing up, seat hopping, spitting, improper seating, shouting, pushing and shoving, littering, eating, harassing other students, and the like. *For each minor offense: Up to three (3) days suspension from transportation on the school bus.*

b. **Major Offenses:** Fighting, profanity, any form of sexual harassment of another student; i.e.: obscene gestures, harassing the bus driver, smoking, throwing objects, igniting matches or lighters, snowballing, vandalism, opening emergency doors, forcing front door open, consecutive minor offenses in excess of three (3) times, and the like.

For each major offense: up to ten (10) days suspension from transportation on the school bus and notification to the parents.

NOTE: This policy statement shall not prohibit utilization by the Board of Education, its policy of suspension and expulsion from school (Policy #5114).