

Students who ride school buses are subject to rules and regulations designed to provide safe and secure transportation to and from school. Any behavior by students, which distracts the driver or endangers themselves or others is a serious hazard to the safe operation of the vehicle, and as such, jeopardizes the safety of all passengers.


The driver is to treat all students in a civil manner, see that students are not mistreated and use every precaution for the safety of the students.


The driver has the authority to assign a student a specific seat and will provide school administrators either a verbal or written report involving student misconduct.


Consequences of inappropriate behavior could result in the student's loss of bus-riding privileges. Whenever a problem occurs that is beyond the control of the driver, the school principal will be informed. The principal has the authority to determine what action will be taken and will notify the parents of such actions

Here are some tips for students to follow to ensure a safe and secure ride.


BE ON TIME:


 Leave home at the same time every day--get to the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is to arrive.

 Use a book bag or backpack--don't carry any loose items.


 Wear safe clothing--don't wear clothes that can catch on the bus when you are getting off (i.e. drawstrings).





 Dress to be seen--wear bright colored clothing.


 Plan for bad weather--give yourself extra time.


CATCHING THE BUS:

 Use the sidewalks and crosswalks--if there are no sidewalks, face traffic when walking.

 Go single file--if you're in a group.

 Wait away from the edge of the road.

 Let the bus come to a complete stop--don't approach if the bus is still rolling.

 Board and exit safely--don't crowd or push.


RULES FOR STUDENTS:


SAFETY – Students need to behave in a manner that does not create a safety hazard for themselves or others while at the bus stop or at any time in the bus.


ORDER – Students must conduct themselves in a manner that is orderly and not disruptive to the driver.


RESPECT - Students will NOT conduct themselves in a manner that is offensive to other students, employees of DDESS – Guam, or other persons that come in contact with the school bus


SPECIFICALLY STUDENTS MUST:


 Stay seated.


 Keep head and arms inside the bus.

 Not eating or drinking (water in a clear bottle is the only exception)


 Keep all aisles and exits free from obstruction.


 Respect the property of others.


 No smoking, use of matches, lighters or any device that may start a fire.

 Do not use profane or obscene


language.


 No horseplay or fighting pushing or shoving.


 Do not tamper with bus controls or emergency equipment.


 Comply promptly with driver's instructions.

 Do not use excessive hair spray, perfume or deodorant.

 Radios, Walkmans, Discmans, etc. may only be used on the bus with earphones, (the items are not allowed in schools).

 In addition, students will be expected to follow the rules governing student behavior for their respective classrooms and building.

 DDESS-Guam observes a "zero tolerance" policy regarding students found to be in possession of a weapon or items used in a threatening manner to include **laser light pens**.

 **Medication** is not to be transported on a school bus for use by a student: Parents must personally hand the medication to the school nurse in accordance with the requirements in the respective student handbook. Exceptions to this rule (i.e. inhalers for an asthmatic) must be cleared with the school nurse.

VIDEO NOTICE

All DDESS-Guam School Buses are equipped with video surveillance equipment for the purpose of promoting safety and security of students and staff.