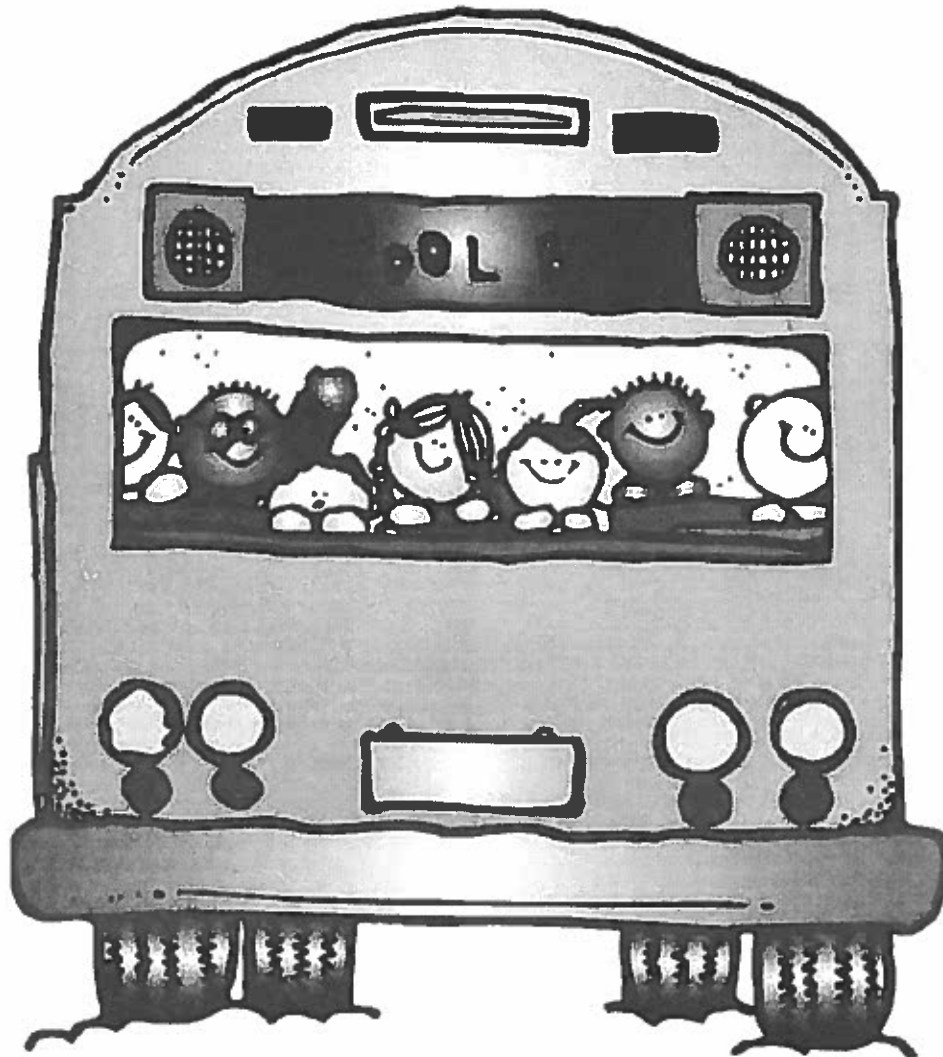


BULLARD I.S.D.

BUS RIDER SAFETY INFORMATION



2016-2017

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Obey the instructions of the bus driver. At no time will a student act toward, or address comments to a bus driver in a disrespectful manner, or refuse to cooperate with the driver.
- Keep your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers.
- Remain seated at all times while the bus is moving.
- Students will treat other students with respect while riding the bus.
- While in the bus, keep the aisles clear at all times.
- Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. **Eating and/or drinking on the bus will be at the discretion of the Driver.**
- Board and depart the bus at designated stops only.
- Only students who are eligible to ride may be transported and must ride their assigned bus.
- Do not ask to ride home on another bus with a friend.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation to the school or home if their child misses the bus.
- Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrails when exiting the bus.
- If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.

PROHIBITED ITEMS (not allowed)

- Tobacco.
- Live animals or insects.
- Glass containers.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Weapons, explosive devices, harmful drugs or chemicals.
- Any object (musical instrument, school project) too large to be carried by the student. All other items must be kept on the student's lap at all times.
- Matches or cigarette lighters.
- Food, candy, gum, and drinks. **(Only allowed at the discretion of the driver.)**
- Radios, tape/CD players. **(Only allowed at the discretion of the driver.)**
- Any laser device (pointers, pens, etc...)

DISCIPLINE

All school board policies that apply to student conduct and other student related activities apply to the school bus. Students will observe the same conduct as in the classroom. The bus driver will report all violations to the respective school Principal and Transportation Director. Steps and consequences for improper conduct on the school bus include the following:

1st Offense	Written warning resulting in bus probation.
2nd Offense	5 day suspension from the bus.
3rd Offense	10 day suspension from the bus.
4th Offense	15 day suspension from the bus.
5th Offense	Suspension of bus riding privileges for the remainder of the school year.

The Principal and/or Transportation Director, with the Bus Driver, may call a parent conference at any time should serious misconduct occur. When deemed necessary, a parent conference may be required before a suspended student's bus privileges are reinstated. The Principal and/or Transportation Director have the authority to skip steps or enhance penalties for serious violations. Violations involving vandalism will require that the student provide restitution for repairs necessary to the equipment, or require that the student spend time cleaning the bus to remove graffiti, etc.

A suspension of bus privileges means that a student is suspended from any Bullard I.S.D. bus. Students found riding any school bus during suspension periods will have suspension periods increased, possibly up to suspension for the remainder of the year.

Bullard I.S.D. Transportation Department
Bus Rider Registration Form
School Year 2016-2017
Bus # _____

Please fill out one student bus rider per form and *return within three (3) days* to your students' bus driver. Thank you.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____ . _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone #1: _____ Telephone #2: _____

Please list any medical conditions such as diabetes, allergies, asthma, etc., which your student may have so the driver and the Transportation Office can be aware of in case of an emergency:

STUDENTS ARE TO BE AT THEIR DESIGNATED BUS STOP 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO ESTIMATED PICK UP TIME.

Please inform your child of the following safety rules:

1. BE COURTEOUS, FRIENDLY AND OBEDIENT TO THE DRIVER/MONITOR AT ALL TIMES, RECOGNIZING HIS/HER AUTHORITY WHILE ON THE BUS.
2. WAIT FOR THE DRIVER'S SIGNAL BEFORE CROSSING THE ROAD. ALL CHILDREN MUST CROSS AT LEAST TEN (10) FEET IN FRONT OF THE BUS SO THAT THE DRIVER CAN WATCH THEM.
3. THE BUS DRIVER/MONITOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ASSIGN SEATS.
4. CHILDREN MUST REMAIN SEATED WHILE ON THE BUS.
5. FIGHTING, PROFANITY AND VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

We are trying to ensure the safest and most efficient transportation system possible. Should there be any questions, please call the transportation office at (903) 258-7238.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION: (903) 258-7238
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION: (903) 539-8889