

**FRONTIER REGIONAL/UNION #38  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**TRANSPORTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS  
CODE OF BEHAVIOR**

**WAITING FOR THE BUS**

1. Be on time for the bus but do not arrive at the stop earlier than ten minutes before the time at which the bus usually arrives.
2. Follow personal safety precautions while waiting for the bus:
  - a. Do not play in the road.
  - b. If you must cross a street, do so only when you are certain no moving vehicles are approaching from either direction.
  - c. Do not push, pull, or chase other students.
  - d. Do not trespass on private property or make unnecessary noise.
3. When your bus approaches, remain at least six feet off the roadway. Do not approach the bus until it has completely stopped and the driver has opened the door. Again, avoid pushing others in the line.

**LOADING THE BUS**

1. Get on the bus quickly and be seated at once.
2. Listen carefully and obey the directions issued by the driver.

**BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES WHILE RIDING THE BUS**

**DO'S**

1. Help keep the bus clean and sanitary.
2. Be courteous of other students.
3. Listen carefully and obey any directions issued by the driver.
4. Upon boarding the bus in the morning, remain on the bus until arrival at school.

**DO NOT'S**

1. Eat food on the bus.
2. Throw anything on the bus or out of the bus window.
3. Change seats while the bus is moving.
4. Shout or make excessive noise that may distract the driver and lead to serious accident.
5. Extend your arms or any other parts of your body out of the window.

**NOTE:** Buses may carry cameras, which may be used at any time.

## **UNLOADING THE BUS**

### **DO'S**

1. Obey any directions issued by the driver.
2. Leave the bus quickly in a courteous manner without pushing other students.
3. Walk in front of the bus (NEVER IN BACK) at a distance of at least 12 feet away from the bus. If you get too close to the front of the bus, the driver will not be able to see you, and a serious accident could occur.
4. Be sure to observe all safety precautions as you travel from your bus stop to your home.
5. Do wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver has opened the door before you leave your seat.

**NOTE:** Violation of the bus rules may result in loss of bus privileges. We use a "three strike" system when faced with inappropriate/unacceptable bus behavior. A letter is sent home to all bus riders explaining the process.

With principal discretion, and written parent permission, where space is available students may ride a bus to an existing stop.

Transportation for large group activities is excluded.

All students must behave appropriately as passengers of a school bus. Clearly understood and well-enforced rules are necessary for the successful management and safety of students who ride school buses.

1. Students transported in a school bus are under the authority of and directly responsible to the driver of the bus.
2. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to obey the directions of the driver is sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation on a school bus.
3. The driver of any school bus is responsible for the orderly conduct of the students transported.
4. The Principal/driver has the right to assign seats on the bus.
5. No bus driver can require any student to leave the bus before such student has reached his destination.
6. A school bus cannot be put in motion until all students are seated.
7. School buses discharge students only at stops regularly designated by the school committee.
8. Students should not engage in unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
9. Smoking in a school bus is prohibited.
10. No liquor can be transported in a school bus.
11. No animals may be transported in a school bus.
12. No weapons of any sort can be transported in a school bus.
13. Students who leave the bus should NOT loiter near the bus, but go QUICKLY to their destinations.

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