

GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

9710 GARFIELD BLVD. GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

School Transportation Rules and Regulations

- 1.) All students who cross the roadway to board or depart from the bus shall wait for the driver to signal them to cross. The students shall then cross and stay at least 20 steps from the front of the bus.
- 2.) Immediately upon entering the bus, students shall take their seats.
- 3.) Students may be assigned seats at the discretion of the bus driver or principal.
- 4.) Students shall use proper language and indoor voices.
- 5.) No student shall attempt to get on or off the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
- 6.) Students must get on and off the bus at the assigned stop closest to the residence (Place of safety.) This is in compliance with section 3301-83 of the Ohio revised code.
- 7.) Students must be at the assigned bus stop five (5) minutes prior to published time.
- 8.) Students shall not stand in the road or trespass or impose on nearby property while waiting for the bus.
- 9.) Students shall conduct themselves on the bus as they would in their classroom, except that reasonable conversations are permitted.
- 10.) Students are never permitted to transport animals, glass objects, skateboards, or other potentially dangerous objects on the school bus. Cell phone usage will not be permitted on the bus.
- 11.) Students shall remain quiet at railroad crossings.
- 12.) Eating and drinking are not permitted on the bus at any time
- 13.) While exiting the bus students should be sure the floor is clear of all waste paper and rubbish.
- 14.) Lighting of matches, lighter, or smoke producing devices, are absolutely prohibited on the bus.
- 15.) Students shall not have in their possession or use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on the school bus.
- 16.) No student will enter or exit from the bus through the emergency door or windows unless specifically instructed to do so by the driver.
- 17.) No possession of and/or lighting firecrackers and/or explosives on the bus.
- 18.) Possession and/or use of unauthorized materials, weapons or dangerous materials is prohibited on the bus.
- 19.) After a student has entered a bus, he/she may not leave the bus without permission.
- 20.) Buses will depart within five (5) minutes of dismissal time. When the buses start moving in the school driveway for afternoon dismissal, the buses cannot stop for late students.
- 21.) Students may carry objects on the bus that can be held in their laps. Other items may be carried on the bus with the permission of the principal and bus driver.
- 22.) If there is a mask mandate, students should follow the mandate rules.
- 23.) No writing or marking on seats, windows, or walls of the bus.
- 24.) All students are to remain at their designated place of safety until the bus has pulled away. *Ohio Pupil Transportation- Section 3301-83-13
- 25.) According to Ohio state law parents and unauthorized persons are not permitted on the bus.

Any and all applicable laws pertaining to school transportation and the student code of conduct will be enforced. The bus and vehicle rules and regulations are subject to change.

SPECIFIC BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

For first and second time minor offenses, the consequence is at the Transportation Director's discretion. For third time and above minor offenses, the bus privilege will be suspended on the following minimum basis listed below. First time major offense will result in an automatic bus suspension.

- Minor offense such as improper language, throwing rubbish on the floor, eating, loud talking or yelling, feet in the aisle, place of safety violations, entering/exiting the bus at the wrong stop or other behaviors that may interfere with the safety of driving the bus determined by the bus driver.....**Minimum 3 day suspension**
- Major offenses such as fighting, talking back to the driver or bus monitor, smoking, stealing, vandalizing the bus, moving around the bus while it is moving, touching other students or staff in an unwelcome manner or other offenses deemed to be major by the Transportation Director.....**Minimum 5 day suspension**
- Repeat offenders of minor or major offenses, bullying, sexual contact, sexual harassment, carrying a weapon, having or using drugs or alcohol, assaulting staff or students, threatening driver or bus monitor or any other actions determined to be inexcusable by the Transportation Director.....**Loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year and police notification if applicable.**

Failure to comply with bus regulations may also result in additional disciplinary action in accordance with the disciplinary guidelines contained in the Student Code of Conduct and board policy.

A form will be sent home when a student receives a referral for his/her actions. The form will need a parent signature for the student to be able to receive transportation the next day. Whenever it becomes necessary to deny or suspend a student from transportation

services due to his/her misconduct, the parent shall be notified with full explanation for this action in compliance with Section 3313.66, Ohio Revised Code.

I have read and fully understand the rules and consequences that must be followed on the school bus.

X _____

Parent or Guardian

X _____

Student

Bus #: