

**BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS**

Administrative School District No. 1

Deschutes County, Oregon

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY**

Name: Student Conduct on School Buses

Section: Required Policies

Code: EEACC-AP

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Students transported by school bus to and from school or school sponsored activities are subject to the rules established by Oregon law and district policy. These rules are posted in a conspicuous location on each school bus. The rules apply whether the school bus is transporting students within this district or another district. The district will develop procedures to implement this policy.

Rules established by Oregon law for student conduct and discipline on school buses include the following:

1. Students being transported are under authority of the school bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the school bus;
3. Students shall use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Students shall be on time for the school bus, both morning and afternoon;
5. Students shall not bring firearms, weapons or other potentially hazardous materials on the school bus;
6. Students will not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals, on the school bus;
7. Students shall remain seated while the school bus is in motion;
8. Students may be assigned seats by the driver;
9. When necessary to cross the road, students shall cross in front of the school bus or as instructed by the school bus driver;
10. Students shall not extend their hands, arms or heads through school bus windows;
11. Students shall have written permission to leave the school bus other than for home or school;
12. Students shall converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
13. Students shall not open or close windows without permission of driver;
14. Students shall keep the school bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
15. Students shall be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passers-by;
16. Students who refuse to obey promptly the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the school buses;

In addition, the district adopts the following rules for student conduct and discipline on school buses to supplement the rules established by Oregon law:

1. Students shall not possess, use or be under the influence of tobacco or nicotine products, narcotics, drugs or alcohol on the bus.
2. Students shall not throw or propel materials through the air while on the school bus.
3. Large items that cannot be safely transported while in the student's lap or directly under the seat are prohibited on home to school routes.

4. Students shall not interfere with any of the school bus operating controls except in an emergency or as instructed by the driver. This shall include the service door which could activate the eight light warning system and the emergency door and windows which set off alarms which could distract the driver.
5. Students shall not use vulgar or obscene language, gestures or written material toward the driver or any other student or the public.
6. Inappropriate physical/sexual conduct by students is prohibited.
7. Students shall not possess or light any type of combustibles.
8. Students shall not eat or drink on the bus. (Exception: field trips with adult present)
9. Students shall sit properly on the bus. (Back to back, seat to seat, face forward, feet in front.)
10. Skateboards may only be transported secured on or in a back-pack or duffle bag.
11. Balloons, glass containers, insects, aerosol containers, laser pointers and like products are prohibited on the bus.
12. Any item used in a hazardous or inappropriate manner on the bus will be confiscated. Parents will be required to retrieve these items from the transportation department.
13. Students shall not board any bus while on suspension or expulsion from their route.

END OF POLICY

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Legal References:

ORS 339.240 - 339.250  
ORS 581-21-050 to -075  
ORS 581-23-040  
ORS 581-53-002  
ORS 581-53-010

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