

## **STUDENTS**

**AR 5131.1(a)**

### **BUS/VAN CONDUCT**

Because passengers' behavior can directly affect their safety and the safety of others, the following regulations apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including on field trips and other special trips. School personnel, parents/guardians and the students themselves all must see that these regulations are followed.

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the driver at all times.
2. Riders should arrive at the bus/van on time and stand in a safe place to wait quietly for entering the vehicle.
3. Riders shall enter the vehicle in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
4. Riders shall remain seated while the vehicle is in motion and shall not obstruct the aisle with their legs, feet, or other objects. When reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the vehicle stops and only then enter the aisle and go directly to the exit.
5. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers.
6. Serious safety hazards can result from noise or behavior that distracts the driver. Loud talking, laughing, yelling, singing, and whistling which are excessively loud, and scuffling, throwing objects, smoking, drinking, standing and changing seats are prohibited actions which may lead to suspension of riding privileges. At the driver's discretion, eating may be allowed in the vehicle.
7. No part of the body, hands, arms or head should be put out of the window. Nothing should be thrown from the vehicle.
8. Riders shall help keep the bus clean. Riders shall not damage or deface the vehicle or tamper with bus/van equipment.
9. No animals or insects shall be allowed on the bus/van.
10. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the vehicle.

## **AR 5131.1(b)**

Riders who fail to comply with the above rules shall be reported to the principal, who shall determine the severity of the misconduct and take action accordingly. In all instances of misconduct, the rider and his/her parent/guardian shall be given notice and warning. In the case of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined by the principal, up to the remainder of the school year.

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