

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Responsibilities of Transported Students

The Tarrant Board of Education, Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Contractor continue to emphasize the safe transportation of students from one location to another during any event related to a school activity. Those students who live beyond two miles are extended the privilege of riding the school bus both to and from school. Students are required to load and unload at their designated bus stop. The bus driver is required to pick students up, or let students off, only at the designated bus stop. The student's legal home address, as recorded in the office of the school they attend, will be used to determine their designated stop. This privilege is contingent upon students abiding by the rules*, established by the Tarrant City Board of Education Transportation Department, listed below:

- The bus has to maintain a regular schedule and cannot wait for pupils.
- The driver has disciplinary responsibilities which pupils must respect. **HE/SHE IS REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY BREACH OF BUS RULES TO THE PRINCIPAL/BUS SUPERVISOR.**
- A regular seating arrangement may be implemented if deemed appropriate by the bus driver/principal.
- No profane or inappropriate language or inappropriate conduct will be permitted.
- Pupils shall be respectful to persons whom they meet or pass on the roads/streets.
- No pupil is allowed to leave his/her seat before the bus comes to a complete stop.
- No one may leave the bus without the driver's consent.
- Changing seats during a trip is not allowed.
- The use of tobacco in any form, spitting on the floor or other parts of the bus is prohibited.
- Throwing objects at, on, against, into or out of bus is strictly prohibited at all times.
- Parents should not confront a bus driver at the bus stop.
- The rear door will be opened only in case of emergency.
- Students will be picked up/dropped off only at their assigned bus stop.
- The bus may be equipped with video equipment resulting in your child being video taped.
- Parents are expected to abide by any discipline action deemed appropriate by school administrators until an investigation into the matter has been completed.
- Only those students assigned to a specific bus will be allowed to enter/ride that bus without prior approval.
- No fighting or striking students/employees.
- Defacing, cutting, scratching school property is prohibited. Restitution will be required.
- Blocking, restricting, or otherwise placing objects in aisle, steps, or emergency exit is prohibited.
- Students must keep heads, hands, arms, and legs inside the bus at all times.
- Students are not to board the bus with weapons in any form.

Action taken is to ensure the highest possible safety standards are maintained. Questions regarding incidents on the bus should be referred to school office personnel. Students waiting to ride the bus or riding the bus are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior as stated in the system's code of student conduct. When infractions occur, the following disciplinary action will be taken:

- 1st Infraction - Warning - Parental Notification
- 2nd Infraction - Suspension of riding privileges for 5 days
- 3rd Infraction - Suspension of riding privileges for 10 days – parent conference
- 4th Infraction - Suspension of riding privileges for the remainder of the current school year

*If bus infractions are of a severe nature, bus privileges will be suspended until an investigation has been completed. The results of the investigation may result in the suspension of riding privileges for the remainder of the current school year.

The Tarrant Alternative Program (TAP) students must provide their own transportation to and from school.

