

Urbana School District #116

BUS RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

A safe, orderly, and respectful environment for everyone is the expectation on the school bus. Whenever students are riding a school bus, whether on a regular route each day or on a field trip, they are responsible to follow these rules. Parents are urged to encourage good bus riding habits so that the driver may direct his or her attention to the surrounding traffic and to safe loading and unloading procedures.

1. To ensure safety, the driver must be totally in charge. Students must respond promptly to instructions given.
2. Students must get completely quiet when the bus stops at railroad tracks.
3. Animals, oversized objects, glass containers, or any inappropriate materials (i.e. tobacco and related material, alcohol, and other prohibited items) are not allowed on the bus, as designated by School Board Policy.
4. Eating and drinking while on the bus is not allowed, as a step to prevent choking. All food and drinks should be stored away in closed containers or packages during the bus ride.
5. Students must observe classroom and school-wide expectations as covered by the Student Handbook. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Horseplay, unruly behavior, fighting, abusive and obscene language or gestures are unacceptable. Kicking, hitting, pushing, spitting, yelling or screaming, littering or other inappropriate behaviors are forbidden on the bus, just as they are at school or on the school grounds.
6. Students must keep feet, backpacks, book bags and other items within the seating areas at all times. The aisles and stairwell must be clear of items and objects at all times.
7. All body parts must be kept inside the bus window at all times.
8. Students must remain seated in the same seat facing forward until they are dropped off at their bus stops. Moving about the bus while it is in motion is unsafe and unacceptable. A student must move out of a seat promptly if requested to do so by the driver or monitor.
9. If a student causes damage to the bus, parents will be expected to pay for that damage.
10. Regular schedules must be observed. The bus will not wait for tardy students. Students must be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
11. Students should get on and off the bus only at their designated stops.
12. Failure to follow these rules may result in a range of consequences up to and including suspension from transportation.

Student's Name (Printed)

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

School