

The West York Area School District will provide transportation for our students in accordance with state and district guidelines. The transportation of students is a privilege, **not a right**. Students violating bus expectations and regulations are subject to disciplinary action, which could result in the denial of bus-riding privileges. Parents or guardians are ultimately responsible for their children's transportation if the student is denied bus-riding privileges.

Students' time on the school bus is considered an extension of the school day, and expectations governing student conduct in school apply to students at bus stops and on the school buses. Students are required to conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior; respect the rights, person and property of others; preserve the degree of order necessary to ensure safety; and obey constituted authority responding to student behavior. Parents/guardians are expected to monitor and encourage appropriate behavior at the bus stop. Inappropriate behaviors at the bus stop and on the bus are subject to school disciplinary action and should be reported immediately to the bus driver.

Students are to board the bus only at their assigned bus stop. Students must be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Inappropriate behaviors at the bus stop will not be tolerated, and may result in suspension of bus privileges. During inclement weather, students should wait a minimum of twenty (20) minutes for late-arriving buses.

While at the bus stop:

1. Students must ride the bus assigned to them.
2. Students are to stand back in an orderly line at pickup points until the bus comes to a complete stop.
3. All students are to enter the bus in an orderly fashion.
4. All passengers must be seated immediately in their assigned seat, upon boarding the bus and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
5. Loud talking, profanity, scuffling, throwing objects and changing seat are examples of activities that draw the attention of the bus driver from their main task of safe operation of the bus. Actions that create a safety hazard by demanding unnecessary attention of the driver are classified as misconduct. When a rider is guilty of misconduct, they will be reported to the principal of their school.
6. Eating and drinking will not be permitted on the bus.
7. Paper or litter must be deposited in a waste can.
8. Students must not extend anything out of the bus windows, including any part of their bodies.
9. Before leaving the bus, students must remain in their assigned seat until the bus comes to a complete stop; then enter the aisle and go directly to the exit door.
10. Students will communicate in a respectful manner without offending or slandering others and without using profane or unacceptable language.
11. The driver will assign seats and may change them at their discretion.
12. Students may not change bus assignments arbitrarily for visits to friend's homes, after school activities, etc.

Violations of the above rules and regulations will lead to disciplinary action that may include detention at recess, lunch and/or before or after school; suspension of transportation privileges.

Video and audio recordings are maintained on all buses. The primary purpose for video monitors on school buses is to promote safety. Cameras are also used as a "tool" in preventing disciplinary problems from occurring.