



Transportation Department

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Parent/Student Safe Bus Riding Information

Weld County School District 6, Transportation Department, strives to provide the safest possible transportation to all students who are eligible to ride the bus to/from school and to/from District sponsored activities. In order to accomplish this, the District provides our drivers and monitors with extensive training that includes safe driving and student management techniques. We also need the help of parents and guardians to explain to their students the importance of proper behavior while riding the bus and waiting at the bus stop. The following information is being provided to parents/guardians and students so that they are aware of proper behaviors while waiting for the bus and riding the bus.

At the Bus Stop

Students are expected to:

- Be waiting at the bus stop at the designated pick-up time.
- Be waiting in an orderly line, clear of traffic, off the street and on the curb (if present).
- To have the same behavior at the bus stop as they would at school.
- Arrive at the bus stop no more than 5 minutes before the designated pick-up time.

Students should not:

- Approach the bus until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver has opened the door.
- Chase the bus after it has departed the stop and/or school at the designated time.
- Participate in running games and/or horseplay while waiting for the bus.
- Tamper with any landscaping, personal property, or leave trash at the designated bus stop.

On the Bus

Students are expected to:

- Stay seated (seat to seat; back to back) until the bus arrives at school or at their designated stop.
- Use inside voices while on the bus.
- Keep their hands and feet to themselves.
- Stop talking at all railroad crossings.
- Properly identify themselves when requested by a school authority, including bus drivers and monitors.
- Follow directions given by the bus driver and/or monitor.

Students should not:

- Consume food, candy, gum, or beverages on the bus.
- Wear clothing or footwear that could damage the upholstery or floor of the bus.
- Put any part of your body or any objects outside the bus windows.
- Put anything in the aisle.
- Push or shove others.
- Tamper with emergency door or emergency equipment.

Consequences for inappropriate behavior

Drivers and/or Monitors may choose to assign seats to correct inappropriate behavior that they consider minor.

For behaviors that are more serious or cannot be corrected by an assigned seat, drivers and/or monitors may fill out a "Parent Notification of Disciplinary Action" form. If this form is filled out and submitted, a Transportation Department designee will contact the parents/guardians with the appropriate disciplinary action. Potential disciplinary actions are as follows:

- 1st Offense: Warning
- 2nd Offense: 3-5 day bus suspension
- 3rd Offense: 5-10 day bus suspension
- 4th Offense: 10-15 day bus suspension
- 5th Offense: Bus suspension for the remainder of the school year

Some severe behaviors are considered **Zero-Tolerance** and will result in an automatic 10 day bus suspension and/or notification of local law enforcement. These behaviors include the following:

- Fighting or physical assault of another student
- Using profanity
- Menacing or physical assault of the driver and/or monitor
- Gang-related activity
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Use of tobacco products
- Use or possession of alcohol and/or drugs
- Dangerous weapons (Board Policy #JICI)
- Bullying or harassment of another student
- Unauthorized used of emergency equipment (emergency doors, windows, etc.).

School transportation vehicles are primarily designed to transport students. We do realize that sometimes students need to bring items other than books and pencils to and from school with them. The following lists are examples of items that can and cannot be brought on the bus. It is ultimately up to the driver's discretion on whether an item can be safely transported.

Items that cannot be brought on the bus

- Explosive devices (fireworks, firecrackers, etc)
- Firearms
- Knives
- Glass objects
- Animals

Items that can be transported but need to be completely enclosed in a backpack or sports bag

- Sports balls (basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, etc.)
- Baseball bats
- Hockey sticks
- Golf clubs
- Tennis rackets
- Skateboards
- Roller blades
- Scooters

Musical instruments too large to be safely transported

- Baritone horn
- Bass Viola
- Cello
- Contra Bass Clarinet
- Drum set
- Tuba
- Bass Horn

Complete information is available upon request or on the District's web site, www.greeleyschools.org, under the Transportation Department's page.