



TRANSPORTATION RULES General and Special Education

The following student behavior and safety standards have been established as a guideline for all students eligible for transportation.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

1. Students in grades K through 12 shall display their transportation bus pass to the driver upon boarding the bus both morning and afternoon. Parent Initials _____
2. Students in grades K through 1st are required to be met at the bus stop in the afternoon. These students will not be allowed to exit a school bus in the afternoon if a parent, guardian, approved adult, or a sibling **11 years old or older** is not present to receive the student.
3. Special education students must have a parent or guardian at their residence to receive them when dropped off. If there is no one present, they will be returned to their school for supervision until picked up by a parent or guardian.
4. Cooperate with the driver. Students should be respectful and not use obscene and/or abusive language.
5. Use of aerosol sprays, perfumes, etc. is prohibited.
6. No screaming or yelling on the bus.
7. Students will not throw items in or out of the bus. This behavior can cause serious safety consequences.
8. No fighting, bullying, harassment, or horseplay on the bus or at the bus stop.
9. Students will not deliberately stand on private property while waiting for the bus. **(If the bus stop does not allow enough space, please contact MSCS Transportation).**
10. Students will load and unload the bus in a safe and timely manner. Be at your bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to your assigned pick-up time.
11. Students must stay seated and not turn around in their seat. Nothing should ever block the aisle.
12. Smoking and use of tobacco and/or drugs on the bus or at the bus stop is prohibited.
13. Students will not extend hands, arms, head, or any body parts out of the windows.
14. Students will not tamper with equipment or vandalize the bus. Parents/students will be charged with repairing damage to the interior/exterior of the school bus.
15. Students should keep the bus clean. Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
16. Students may not use electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, iPods/MP3 players, etc. on the school bus. Cell phones and electronic devices may not be used for phone calls, texting or taking pictures at any time while on the bus.
17. Students may only ride the bus which serves their home address and may only board or de-board at assigned stop unless approved by the school principal and/or MSCS Transportation.
18. Large band instruments are not allowed on the school bus. **(See Addendum)**

SAFETY

1. Students will stand off the roadway while waiting for the bus.
2. Students must remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and the stop arm has been extended.
3. Students shall cross the street in front of the bus and under the direction of the driver. Look both ways then proceed to cross when the driver signals to them and the bus stop arm has been extended.

I hereby agree that I, as a parent or guardian of the child/children receiving transportation services, will discuss the above rules with my child/children. Furthermore, my child/children will comply with the rules for transportation established by Memphis-Shelby County Schools.

Parent Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

For more information, please visit the Memphis Shelby County Schools website and review the following policies: 6050 Student Conduct on Buses; 6022 Student Conduct; 6057 Physical Relocation of Students; and 3004 Student Transportation Services.