

AMPHITHEATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

The following regulations apply to all school buses operated by Amphitheater Public Schools:

1. The bus driver is in complete charge of his/her vehicle and must be obeyed by all students who ride on his/her bus. His/her authority extends to both loading and unloading. All adult passengers such as coaches, teachers, monitors, etc. are also under the authority of the school bus driver.
2. A time schedule shall be kept in the bus. Stops not on the schedule shall not be made without the authorization of the Transportation Department, except in the case of an emergency.
3. All pupils must be seated on the bus they are riding and remain seated, facing the front of the bus, while the bus is in motion.
4. Pupils are not to extend hands, arms, heads, or any objects through the bus window.
5. Pupils are not to eat ice cream, candy, food, soft drinks, etc. on a bus.
6. Pupils are not to throw, shoot, or project any type of object while on a bus.
7. A pupil must have written permission to leave the bus at a stop other than the usual stop or at school.
8. Pupils shall make every effort to:
 - a. keep the buses clean
 - b. be courteous to the driver and other pupils
 - c. practice safe habits in waiting for a bus, getting on and off a bus, and riding a bus
 - d. never use loud, vulgar, or profane language on a bus
9. Pupils, when unloading from a bus and crossing to the left side of the road or street, shall pass in front of the bus.
10. There shall be no smoking, or use of any tobacco product, by any passenger on a bus.
11. Animals, insects or reptiles shall not be transported in a school bus.
12. Glass items shall not be transported in a school bus.
13. Weapons of any sort, explosives, fireworks, smoke or stink bombs, or any other dangerous objects shall not be transported in a school bus.
14. Musical instruments may not occupy needed seating space. No instrument shall be placed in the driver's compartment or step-well. All instruments carried by students shall be under their control at all times and carried in the lap between seats, or in a vacant seat properly secured. The aisle is not to be blocked at any time.
15. Pupils who refuse to obey the directions of a bus driver promptly or to obey regulations may be deprived of the privilege of riding to and from school on a bus.

RIDING ON SCHOOL BUSES IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT