

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS BUS SAFETY RULES

According to the Ohio Pupil Transportation Rules and Regulations, our bus drivers will enforce the following rules and regulations on our school buses:

1. Every pupil will be seated in an assigned seat.
2. Seating will be arranged so that in the loading and unloading process, an even distribution of student load on the bus will be maintained.
3. Instruction in emergency evacuation of each bus will be given by each driver.

A student on a bus is under the authority of and directly responsible to the bus driver. Each student must obey the driver promptly and cheerfully. Pupils shall conduct themselves as they would in the classroom, except that reasonable conversation is permissible. Unnecessary noise is not permissible

1. Pupils shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Pupils must wait in a location clear of traffic and away from the bus stops.
3. Behavior at the school bus stop must not threaten life, limb, or property of any individual.
4. Pupils must go directly to an available or assigned seat.
5. Pupils must remain seated keeping aisles and exits clear.
6. Students are not permitted to move from one seat to another while the bus is in motion.
7. Pupils must show the same conduct on a bus as in a classroom and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
8. Pupils must not use profane language.
9. Pupils are not permitted to eat or drink on the bus.
10. Pupils must not use or possess tobacco on the bus.
11. Pupils must not have alcohol or drugs in their possession on the bus except for required prescription medication.
12. Students are not permitted to transport pets or animals on a school bus.
13. Firearms, weapons, ammunition, any type of explosives, fireworks or other dangerous materials or objects which may interfere with the safe operation of the bus are not permitted.
14. Students must not intentionally do damage to seats or other interior parts of the bus.
15. Pupils must not throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
16. Pupils may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps. Equipment such as band instruments shall be stored at a location designated by the driver.
17. Pupils must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise.
18. Pupils must not put head, arms or legs out of the bus windows.
19. Guidelines will be formulated on an individual basis with means of assistance required by pupils with special needs.
20. Parents shall inform the school so proper steps can be taken to collect, store and use medical information related to pupils known to have medical problems which may require driver attention.

Riding the school bus is a privilege. If any student abuses this privilege to the extent that they damage the bus or endanger the safety of other students, it may then be necessary to take away the privilege of riding the bus.

With the cooperation of everyone we can have an enjoyable, and most important, a safe school year with our school buses.