

By the Authority of the Board of School Trustees of the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District, your child is PRIVILEGED to ride a school bus, provided you live in a bused area.

RIDING POLICIES FOR STUDENTS

- I.C. 20-27-10-2 Discipline on school bus
When students are being transported on a school bus, the students are under the supervision, direction, and control of the school bus driver and are subject to disciplinary measures by the school bus driver and the governing body of the school corporation.
- I.C. 35-43-2-2 -Any adult that enters a school bus uninvited is TRESPASSING!
- Obey and respect the directions and instructions of the bus driver.
- No student will be allowed to ride a school bus unless he/she is registered to that particular bus route, unless approved by the Transportation Director or Principal.
- Students are not allowed to board or leave the bus except at their regular bus stop, without advance approval from the Transportation Director or Principal.
- Drivers will not allow guest riders in the afternoon.
- ALL students should be WAITING at his/her bus stop when the school bus arrives.
- Students are expected to enter and leave the bus in an orderly single file line.
- Upon entering the bus find a seat immediately. If you can't find a seat you should inform the driver. The driver may or may not assign seats.
- No student shall STAND or MOVE from seat to seat during the trip.
- Remain seated facing forward and reasonably quiet while on the bus.
- Students are NOT to tease, bully, fight, trip, hit, or use their hands, feet or body in any other objectionable manner.
- Loud, boisterous or profane language or indecent conduct will NOT be tolerated. This includes any parent/guardian at the bus stops.
- Smoking and/or alcohol will NOT be permitted at any time.
- Students are NOT allowed to chew gum, eat or drink, with the exception of water, on the bus. Food will be permitted on the bus for any after school extra curricular trip.

- No windows or doors will be opened or closed except with the permission of the bus driver.
- No student shall put any item or any part of his or her body out the window.
- For the safety of the students, items such as glass, skateboards, animals, balls, band instruments or any other item too large that can't be held in the students lap will not be permitted on the bus.
- The driver reserves the right to refuse any item on the bus that they see as a safety risk to the students.
- Students will remain seated until the bus has come to a **complete stop** before disembarking.
- The school has the right to place a student in a child restraint seat, when necessary, for the safety of that student.
- Treat bus and bus equipment with care. Any damage caused by your child may result in charges to the parent/guardian for the repair.
- All book bags on students lap. All items should be kept in the student's book bag.
- Do not use cell phones. The bus driver may confiscate any cell phone until that particular students bus stop, at that point it will be given back to the student.
- Any student may be required to walk a reasonable distance to a pick up point, where several children live close together. The Transportation Director and bus driver will establish a central pick up point.
- School authorities may deny the privilege of riding on the school bus to any student who refuses to conduct him or herself in the proper manner.

CONSEQUENCES

1st offense- Warning from the bus driver.

2nd offense- Warning from the Transportation Director or Principal.

3rd offense- 1 week off bus.

4th offense- off bus for the remainder of the semester, or longer, if needed.

SEVERE INCIDENTS MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF BUS PRIVILEGES

STUDENT SAFETY AT BUS STOPS

- Students are to go directly to their stop, don't stop to play games, explore, or talk to strangers.
- Always cross at corners and not between cars.
- Students who ride the bus should arrive to the assigned stop 5 minutes early.
- Students need to stay on the sidewalk or driveway at least 6 feet away from the road.
- Respect others personal property. Stay out of yards and don't litter.
- Line up when bus is approaching. Don't push or shove while waiting for the bus.
- If a student must cross a road or street, stay at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Always look both ways before crossing. Never trust the other motorist.
- **ALWAYS** cross in front of the bus.
- **NEVER** walk behind the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. **NEVER** try to pick it up because the bus driver may not be able to see you.
- Parents who bring their child to the stop in a vehicle should obey all warning and stop light signals from the bus. Never drive thru the bus stop arm!!
- **NEVER** run to the bus!
- **NEVER** walk or run next to a moving bus!
- **REMEMBER, THE DANGER ZONE IS 10 FEET ALL AROUND THE BUS.**