



Cobb County School District Transportation Department

Safe Rider Policies and Regulations

Students shall follow all Safe Rider Behavior Policies and Regulations while on the school bus or bus stop established by the Cobb County School District including, but not limited to:

1. Students must show respect for school bus drivers at all times and follow the **"The Safe Rider Program."**
2. **Insubordination:** All students shall comply with reasonable directions or commands of any Cobb County School District Employee.
3. **NO** student shall refuse to identify one's self upon request of any Cobb County School District Employee.
4. Students must be standing at the bus stop **AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES** prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Students are to wait at the school bus stop in an orderly manner.
5. Students must **WAIT** for instructions (hand signals or otherwise) from the school bus driver **EVERY TIME** when crossing the street to board the bus or when exiting the bus. Students must be able to maintain eye contact with the school bus driver or cross in full view of the school bus driver.
6. Students must board the bus as soon as school is dismissed and not loiter in the courtyard and on the sidewalk. Once on the bus at dismissal time, the student will need the approval of an administrator to depart the bus at school.
7. Students **MUST** remain **SILENT** and **STILL** at **ALL** railroad crossings until the school bus crosses railroad tracks completely.
8. Elementary and Middle school students will be assigned a seat assignment on the school bus. (*High School at drivers discretion*)
9. Students **MUST** remain seated properly at all times unless otherwise directed by the school bus driver. (**BACK to BACK – BOTTOM to BOTTOM**)
10. Unnecessary noise is prohibited. Students must talk quietly - **NO** loud voices.
11. Student shall not talk on a cell phone and no other electronic devices can be used without headphones and must not be heard by others. Students must be able to hear bus driver at all times.
12. Due to allergic reactions and the possibility of choking - food, gum, and/or drinks are not to be consumed or opened on the school bus.
13. Name calling, harassment, intimidation, threats and bullying is prohibited on the school bus
14. Obscene language and gestures are prohibited on the school bus.
15. Fighting, pretend fighting, roughhousing or horseplay is **NOT** permitted.
16. **NO** objects (however small) are to be thrown on, in, out or at the school bus.
17. Destruction or defacing any part of the school bus is prohibited.
18. Emergency doors, windows, and hatches are to be opened **ONLY** at the direction of the school bus driver.
19. Students must keep all body parts inside the school bus at all times.
20. Students shall not use mirrors, lasers, flashing lights, flash cameras, or any other lights or reflective surfaces in a manner which might interfere with the operation of the school bus.
21. **Weapons (or objects that look like and/or could be used as weapons)** are **NOT** permitted at bus stop, on the school buses or school grounds.
22. Tobacco, illegal drugs and/or alcohol is **NOT** permitted at bus stop, on the school buses or school grounds.
23. Objectionable and/or dangerous items are **NOT** allowed on the school bus. (glass items, lighters/matches, animals, balloons, skateboards, perfume/cologne, aerosol cans, plastic bags, insects, straight or safety pins, sharp objects, large toys or objects that cannot easily fit on the student's lap or any other item of a questionable nature that might present a safety hazard)
24. Band instruments, sporting equipment and school projects can be transported **ONLY** if there is enough space for all students' seating requirements. Items may be placed in the seat or lap to whom they belong. This is left to the bus driver's discretion.
25. **Students will be allowed to board or exit the school bus at a bus stop other than the assigned residence bus stop ONLY with a Cobb County Transportation Bus Pass completely filled out by Parents/guardian and with school administrator approval (in writing). This written permission must be given to the school bus driver when boarding the school bus.** (Bus Pass can be denied if school bus is at capacity or if the student has a history of bus behavior offenses or becomes an offender)

Any behavior that is considered disruptive or unsafe by the school bus driver will be handled through the use of **"The Safe Rider Program."**
Steps may be skipped if a student violates a rule while on assigned seat or probation.