

Dear Parents;

It is the goal of the Hillsdale Local School District to provide bus transportation as safely as possible. Student behavior at school and on the school bus is governed by the "Student Code of Conduct" (ORC 3313.661). It is the responsibility of each student to comply with expected conduct of behavior. Bus drivers have a major responsibility while driving a school bus loaded with students. The following regulations have also been adopted for everyone's safety.

BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Prior to loading (on the road and at school):

1. Be on time-five (5) minutes before scheduled pickup at the designated school bus stop-keep the bus on schedule.
2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Bus riders conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter. Avoid crowding or pushing.
4. Get signal from driver before crossing the highway; look both ways; walk quickly.
5. Students should respect the danger zone (10 feet around the bus).

While on the bus:

1. Be seated immediately upon entering the bus and remain in that seat until you depart from the bus.
2. Do not save seats on the bus. Boys and girls may sit together if necessary.
3. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus.
4. Assist in keeping the bus clean and sanitary at all times. (NO eating, drinking or loitering)
5. Refrain from loud talking, laughing or unnecessary confusion. This diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
6. Damage to seats, etc. must be paid for by the offender.
7. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
8. NO FIGHTING-keep your hands to yourself and feet out of the aisles. Books, packages, coats and other objects must be kept out of aisles and on your lap.
9. Help look after the safety of small children.
10. Open windows ONLY with the permission of the driver and be courteous to close the window after it has been opened.
11. Do not throw anything out of the bus window.
12. Weapons, tobacco and alcohol are not permitted.
13. Bus riders are expected to be courteous to fellow pupils and the bus driver. (NO profane language)
14. BE ABSOLUTELY QUIET WHEN APPROACHING A RAILROAD CROSSING STOP.
15. No pets or animals are to be on the bus.
16. Abide by driver's instructions for emergency procedures/drills.

After leaving the bus:

1. After leaving the bus, if it is necessary to cross the road, this should be done at least 10 feet in front of the bus, only after the driver signals you to cross, stopping to look both ways for traffic in the center of the road and then proceeding to the designated spot of safety.
2. DO NOT STOP AT THE MAILBOX OR PLAY ALONGSIDE THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.