



Post Falls School District

Bus Safety Rules & Consequences for Non-Compliance

Ensuring the safety of your student is our number one priority. Please review the Safe Bus Rules and Consequences for Non-Compliance below with your child to assist us in ensuring the safety of all:

The Bus Safety Rules

1. Follow the bus driver's directions. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats and make seating changes whenever it is necessary to do so.
2. Use a classroom voice on the bus. Conversation must be restricted to your neighbor.
3. Students are allowed to have certain carry-on items (i.e. backpacks, some musical instruments). These items must be held in a student's lap.
4. Tobacco/E-cigs, drugs, weapons, laser pointers, radios/loud music, large objects, skateboards, all balloons, glass containers, aerosols/flammables and animals other than trained service animals are not allowed.
5. Sit facing forward and stay in your seat at all times. Standing or changing seats while the bus is moving is not allowed.
6. No fighting or "horse play" is allowed. Do not push or shove; keep your hands and feet to yourself.
7. Be courteous to others. Bullying will not be tolerated.
8. Do not curse or swear. Profanity is not allowed.
9. Keep all body parts inside the bus at all times. Do not throw objects from the bus.
10. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
11. Students must remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver opens the bus door.
12. Do not damage the bus or equipment. Please help to keep the bus clean.
13. Use the handrail provided when exiting the bus.
14. Take twelve steps away from the bus and out of the danger zone. When crossing the road, watch for the driver to signal the way is clear.

Consequences for Non-Compliance of the Bus Safety Rules

The bus driver will first issue a verbal warning to the student to correct behavior. The driver may also reassign the student to a front seat. If the student does not comply, a written warning will be issued, and the parent/guardian will be notified.

1st Warning - A written conduct report is issued, and parent/guardian will be notified by telephone.

2nd Warning - A written conduct report is issued, and parent/guardian will be notified by telephone.

3rd Warning - Student is temporarily suspended from all bus riding privileges. A parent conference with the Transportation Supervisor is required before the student may return to the bus. (Please contact PFSD Transportation to schedule a conference at 208-773-4217.)

4th Conduct Report - Student is suspended from all bus riding privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Serious infractions of the bus safety rules will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Transportation Supervisor or Designee and may result in a suspension of all bus riding privileges. Parents/guardians may be financially responsible for any physical damage or vandalism to school buses caused by their student. To aid in the enforcement of the bus safety rules, video surveillance equipment may be randomly in use on all District buses.

Potential Additional Requirements

The level of transmission of COVID-19 within our community may dictate additional rules and requirements from the local health district, the Idaho State Board of Education, and the Post Falls School District Board of Trustees.

Students may be required to wear a mask and sit in assigned seats while riding the bus.