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Rules and Regulations for Bus Riders

California Administrative Code, Title V, Section 14103: Authority of the Driver:

“People transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across the street, highway or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destination.”

Durham School Services has adopted rules and regulations to assist students in understanding their responsibilities while riding the school bus. The rules and regulations set forth in this policy are intended to provide for the safe transportation of pupils.

All students should be alert for traffic when walking to and leaving the bus.

1. Students are to arrive at their bus stops ten minutes before the scheduled time.
2. Students are to line up single file before the bus arrives.
3. Students must stand ten feet from the bus and not walk toward the bus until the door opens.
4. Students shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
5. All students are to be seated quickly and as instructed by the driver with no arguments.
6. Students must be courteous to fellow students. (No hitting, shoving, or crowding when loading).
7. No smoking, no chewing of tobacco, no drugs of any kind are allowed on a school bus.
8. Animals, reptiles, insects, glass jars, and large parcels are prohibited on a school bus.
9. Electronic devices are prohibited without permission from the principal. All cell phones must be in backpacks and not visible.
10. Students shall keep the bus and the bus stop area clean.
11. Any vandalism to seats or other parts of the bus will result in possible suspension and the student’s parents will pay for the damage.

Any failure on the part of the student to abide by the behavioral guidelines stated here shall be dealt with accordingly. Bus Citations (Notice of Unsatisfactory Conduct) may be issued for the following infractions:

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| 1. Improper boarding/departure procedures. | 8. Eating, drinking, chewing gum on the bus. |
| 2. Failure to remain seated. | 9. Littering and/or vandalism. |
| 3. Bringing articles of a dangerous nature on the bus. | 10. Excessive noise. |
| 4. Refusing to obey the driver. | 11. Rude, discourteous conduct. |
| 5. Hands or body out of a window. | 12. Smoking and/or lighting matches. |
| 6. Throwing objects in the bus or out the window. | 13. Other unacceptable behavior. |
| 7. Obstructing the aisle, or facing the rear in the seat. | |

Students must follow the bus driver’s instruction and directions at all times.

Disciplinary action taken by the District includes the following process:

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| First Referral Warning. | Fourth Referral Suspension from the bus for two months. |
| Second Referral Suspension from the bus for two days. | Serious Behavior May result in immediate and/or permanent suspension from the bus. |
| Third Referral Suspension from the bus for two weeks. | |