



School Bus Rules of Conduct

Updated for the 2023-2024 School Year

These rules were created to limit distractions for the bus driver and to provide safe transportation for our students. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and students will be required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the established standards of classroom behavior.

1. Stay in your seat facing forward.
2. No walking, standing, or switching seats while bus is moving.
3. Keep your hands, feet, and personal items to yourself.
4. Be respectful, using inside voices, no yelling, screaming, or profane language.
5. Ask permission before opening a window (allowed to open halfway).
6. Keep your head, hands, and arms inside the bus.
7. Do not throw anything out the window.
8. No food or drink (except water).
9. Keep the bus clean.
10. Do not fight, push, or shove.
11. No weapons of any kind.
12. No tobacco, smoking, vaping, alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances of any kind.
13. Students will be charged for damage done to the bus or bus seats.
14. Cooperate with the driver. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.

Discipline

Violations of these bus rules may result in the loss of bus privileges. The bus drivers are in complete charge of the bus and students are expected to comply with their requests at all times. Disruptive behavior will result in an Incident Report being sent to the school. All discipline will be handled by the students' school.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Make sure students are ready and at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time.
2. Monitor students until they board the bus at the beginning of the day as well as when the students exit the bus at the end of the day.
3. A parent must meet the bus to pick up Kindergarten students.
4. Assist students who need help crossing the road and boarding or exiting the bus.
5. Notify the school of any change of address to assure continuous service.
6. Students need to ride the bus they are assigned to. If a student needs to ride a different bus, they will need to give the driver a note of consent from either the parent or the school.

Loading and unloading will be done at regular bus stops only.

Please remember that the School District does NOT require Harlow's to provide bus transportation to High School students per SD Codified Laws 13-30-1.3 "A school district choosing to provide transportation services to ninth grade and up to twelfth grade school students."