



Project Explore 2022 Bus Conduct Agreement

Behavior on a school bus should parallel the same expectations of school behavior. Following rules emphasize a student's role in ensuring the safety of all passengers. To ensure a safe and efficient bus ride, students shall:

1. Follow the directions of the driver. It is the driver's responsibility to enforce the "Code of Conduct" and provide safe transport.
2. Go directly to an available or assigned seat when entering the bus.
3. Remain seated while the bus is moving and keep aisles and exits clear.
4. Stow gear beneath seats or where otherwise directed by the driver.
5. Refrain from throwing or passing objects on, from, or into the bus.
6. Be neat if eating or drinking (with driver's permission) and take or dispose of all trash when leaving.
7. Never extend head, arms, or objects out of the bus windows.
8. Never use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language or gestures.
9. Do not deface a bus or school property; students are liable for repair/replacement costs.
10. No smoking and/or vaping at any time.
11. Comply with the strictest standard of mask-requirements as set forth by the bus company, the school, or the Department of Education.
12. Exhibit school conduct always.
13. Respect the rights and safety of others and remember that all school rules apply while riding the bus.

If a student violates safety and/or behavioral standards, the bus driver is instructed to issue a verbal misconduct warning and inform the Project Explore Coordinator, who will notify parent/guardian. The second incident will be grounds for the suspension of bus privileges and from the program. As a result of the important responsibility drivers have in providing safe transport of students, their judgment of misconduct must be respected. Any questions regarding a driver's handling of a situation must be directed to the Project Explore Coordinator, not to the driver.