

Cankton Elementary School

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2026 – 2027 St. Landry Parish Bus Policies and Expectations

Below are the policies and expectations for students as it relates to bus transportation. Please review the policies and expectations with your child and sign, date and return the form acknowledging that you have received, read and understand the expectations and discipline progression outlined in the policy.

Rights

1. Students who ride the school bus to and from school should recognize that it is a privilege not a right.
2. Students have the right to expect that the school bus will be a safe means of transportation.

Transportation: Who is Eligible?

- All Pre-K students who live one (1) mile or more from their school of attendance
- All grade-level students who live one (1) mile or more from their school of attendance.
- Students who are authorized through the superintendent's office or the School Board.
- In parish transfer students are not authorized bus transportation. Transportation is provided by the parent/guardian to and from the school

Transportation for Pre-K – 2nd:

• All students in grades two and under must be accompanied to the bus. On the return trip, a responsible party must also be waiting at the designated stop to accept the student when the bus arrives.

• Drivers and monitors are strictly prohibited from leaving other students on the bus to get a student to their door.
• In the event a responsible party is not at the bus stop/home to accept these students, an attempt will be made to contact the parent by phone number on record and a suitable designated stop for the child will be agreed upon. If we are unable to contact a parent, the child will be brought to the school. After normal business hours, the child will be brought to the local police authority or to the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department and may be reported to child protection services.
• Drivers are not to drive around the neighborhood or repeatedly double back to the stop looking for someone to accept the student.
• Drivers will notify dispatch and reasonable efforts will be made to contact the parents.

Undeliverable: Where do they go?

• Early Childhood and Special Education students with door stops must be met at their P.M. bus stop by a responsible party. If no one meets the student, he/she is considered "undeliverable".
• If the student has an emergency contact person on file (within the immediate vicinity of the student's home) that person will be asked to accept the student.
• If we are unable to contact a parent, the child will be brought to the school. After normal business hours, the child will be brought to the local police authority or to the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department and may be reported to Child Protection Services.
• Drivers will notify dispatch and reasonable efforts will be made to contact the parents.
• Parents who repeatedly use an emergency address or cause students to be taken to school risk losing transportation privileges for their student.

Bulletin 1191: State of Louisiana Department of Education Rules for School Bus Riders

• A school bus with undisciplined passengers is a hazardous bus. The misbehavior of the students can lead to accidents. The driver must concentrate on the driving task at hand and cannot be expected to constantly discipline the students while the bus is in motion. A student's behavior on the bus should be no different than in a classroom. Therefore, for the safe operation of the school bus, students should be aware of and obey the following safety rules.

Student Rules: Supervision and Disciplinary Guidelines

A. Student shall follow directions of the operator the first time given.

B. Student shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus arrives.

C. Student shall wait in a safe place, clear of traffic and away from where the bus stops.

D. Student shall wait in an orderly line and shall avoid horseplay.

E. Student shall cross the road or street in front of the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop and upon direction of the operator.

F. Student shall go directly to an available or assigned seat when entering the bus.

G. Student shall remain seated and keep aisles and exits clear.

H. Student shall exhibit classroom conduct at all times.

I. Student shall refrain from throwing or passing objects in, from or into buses.

J. Student is permitted to carry only objects that can be held on his/her lap.

K. Student shall not use profane language, obscene gestures, tobacco, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance in the bus.

L. Student shall refrain from eating and drinking in the bus.

M. Student shall not carry hazardous materials or non-service animals into the bus.

N. Student shall respect the rights and safety of others.

O. Student shall refrain from leaving or boarding the bus at locations other than the assigned stop.

P. Student shall refrain from extending head, arms or objects out of the bus windows.

Q. Student shall refrain from hitching rides via the rear bumper or other parts of the bus.

Bus Discipline

● Discipline problems on the school bus will be dealt with by the principal or a designee of the school responsible for the student, in accordance with state laws and parish regulations. The principal or a designee will act as necessary to ensure operational safety of the buses.

● Procedures for removing a student with disabilities from a bus must follow the same procedures as when a student with disabilities is removed from school through suspension or expulsion.

Bus Discipline Progression

I. First Offense
1. Conference will be held by the bus driver with the student.
2. Parent/guardian will be notified by the bus driver.

II. Second Offense
1. Conference will be held by the bus driver with the student.
2. Parent/guardian will be notified by the bus driver.
3. LDOE bus referral will be given to the principal. Additional consequences may be given at the discretion of the principal.

III. Third Offense
1. Written notification to parent/guardian will be made.
2. LDOE bus referral will be given to the principal. Additional consequences may be given at the discretion of the principal. Student will be denied bus transportation for 3-5 days. I

V. Fourth Offense
1. Written notification to parent/guardian will be made.
2. LDOE bus referral will be given to the principal. Additional consequences may be given at the discretion of the principal. Student will be denied bus transportation for 15 days.

V. Fifth Offense
1. Written notification to parent/guardian will be made.
2. LDOE bus referral will be given to the principal. Additional consequences may be given at the discretion of the principal. Student will be denied bus transportation for the remainder of the semester.

VI. Sixth Offense
1. Written notification to parent/guardian will be made.
2. LDOE bus referral will be given to the principal. Additional consequences may be given at the discretion of the principal. Student will be denied bus transportation for the remainder of the school year.

*NOTE: ***Major offenses (as deemed by school administration) will result in more severe punishment such as suspension/expulsion from school***. Any misbehavior on the bus, walking to or from the bus stop, or going to or returning from school may result in temporary or permanent loss of bus riding privileges. In this case, transportation to and from school becomes the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Bus transportation is provided by the St. Landry Parish School Board.

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I have reviewed the bus policies and expectations with my child and understand the expectations and discipline progression outlined in the policy.

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Parent's Signature Date Signed

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Child's Signature Grade Homeroom Teacher