WILSON I.S.D.

BUS RIDER SAFETY HANDBOOK
2026-2027



Wilson ISD

1411 Green Avenue
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Wilson Independent School District provides transportation for students. Every effort will be made to see that the transportation provided is safe and pleasant.

The state of Texas prescribes the conditions governing school bus operations. To meet the conditions outlined by the state and provide safe, prompt movement of students, standard regulations and procedures and has provided measures for violations of the rules. They are outlined in this handbook for your information and for guidance of your child. Effective transportation requires cooperation among bus drivers and staff, school administrators, students, and parents/guardians.

Wilson is pleased to provide transportation for its students and solicits your assistance in helping create a safe, healthy operation. We ask for your cooperation with the school and transportation personnel in developing the very safest school bus service.

If you should need further transportation information, please call the Wilson ISD main office at (806) 628-6261.

Thank you,



Mandy Poer
Superintendent

GENERAL RULES

- Obey the instructions of the bus driver and/or bus monitor. The driver and/or bus monitor are authorized to assign seats.
- Board and leave the bus at designated stops only.
- **RAILROAD CROSSINGS** - Students are to be quiet upon approaching the tracks and remain quiet until the bus has cleared the tracks.
- It is the responsibility of the parents to provide transportation to school if a child misses the bus.
- Dirt roads are not always safe for a bus to travel when wet. The school will contact the parent if arrangements need to be made for the parent to provide transportation to the nearest pavement.
- All students will be assigned a bus for the morning and afternoon route. If a parent wants their child to ride a bus other than their assigned bus the parent must call the school or send a written note with their child to be given to the main office.
- All students will be assigned a seat on all routes. The driver and bus monitor will have a written seating chart that corresponds to the seat numbers on each bus row. The reason for this is to keep accountability of all students on each bus at all times in case of an emergency.

PROCEDURES FOR WAITING FOR THE BUS

- Be at your bus stop five minutes before scheduled pickup times.
- Wait in your parent's car while waiting for the bus.
- Wait in your car until the bus comes to a complete stop, and until the red loading lights come on.

LOADING THE BUS

- Do not push or shove.
- Use the handrail and steps.
- Go to your assigned seat. The bus will not move until all students are seated.
- Any items brought on the bus must be able to sit in the student's lap and the student must be able to always hold baggage.

WHILE RIDING THE BUS

- Bus riders are expected to be courteous to fellow students and the bus driver. They need to follow directions the driver/bus monitor gives them.
- Assist in keeping the bus safe and litter free at all times.
- Remember that loud talking, shouting, or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
- Students shall face forward for the duration of the trip and shall keep their feet on the floor in front of them and out of the bus aisle. Keep all body parts inside the bus and yourself.

- Keep all personal belongings out of the aisle.
- Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the school bus is in motion.
- Horseplay, scuffling, or fighting is not permitted around or on the school bus.
- Throwing anything inside the school bus or out of the school bus will not be permitted.
- Food and drink are not to be consumed on the school bus.
- Cursing, swearing, and using rude gestures will not be tolerated.
- Animals may not be brought onto the school bus without special permission from the Superintendent or Designee.
- Do not mark, cut, or scratch any part of the bus. The person(s) responsible will pay vandalism costs.

GETTING OFF THE BUS

- Stay seated until the bus is completely stopped and the driver releases you.
- Use the handrail and take one step at a time when leaving the bus.
- Wait for your turn to leave the bus; pushing and crowding will only slow exiting and may cause an accident.
- Stay clear of the bus when unloading. Do not chase, touch, or hang on the bus at any time.
- Never walk or cross behind the bus.
- If an article is dropped or rolls near or under the bus, do not try to get it. Make certain the driver sees you by going to the door of the bus and ask the driver for help.

ACCIDENTS OR EMERGENCIES

- Follow the driver's and/or bus monitor's instructions.
- If you must leave the bus, stay in a group.
- The students nearest the door will open the door and hold it open.
- Leave the bus in a single file line as quietly as possible. Evacuation will start with the seat closest to the door.
- Once outside the bus, follow the driver's and/or bus monitor's instructions completely.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Tobacco, alcohol, and glass containers.
- Weapons, explosive devices, matches or cigarette lighters, harmful drugs or chemicals.
- Any object (musical instrument) too large to be placed in students lap or on the floor between knees

DISCIPLINE

Bus violations sequence of progressive discipline for disobeying rules about conduct on the bus for K-12th grade are as follows. The following are minimum consequences and may be increased by the Superintendent or Designee if the nature of the offense warrants stronger consequences:

1st offense	-	Verbal Reminder to Student
2nd offense	-	Written Reprimand and Phone Call to Parent/Guardian
3rd offense	-	Bus Suspension and Phone Call to Parent/Guardian
4th offense	-	Loss of Bus Riding Privileges and Phone Call to Parent/Guardian

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Acknowledgment and Understanding, 2026-2027

My child and I have received a paper copy of the **2026-2027 Wilson ISD Bus Rider Safety Handbook**.

I understand that this handbook contains information that my child and I may need during the school year and that all students will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in the **2026-2027 Wilson ISD Bus Rider Safety Handbook**. If I have any questions regarding this handbook, I should direct those questions to the Principal or Transportation Director at (806) 628-6261.

My child and I have read and understand the **2026-2027 Wilson ISD Bus Rider Safety Handbook** and agree to abide by it.

Date	
Student/Bus Rider Name (Please Print)	
Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)	
Parent/Guardian Signature	