BUS TRANSPORTATION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. To ensure the safe transportation of our students, all students riding on the bus are under the direct supervision of the bus driver. The bus driver has the expressed authority to enforce district policies, rules, regulations or procedures concerning student's bus conduct. Student's disorderly conduct or refusal to follow the orders issued by the bus driver constitutes sufficient cause for disciplinary procedures to be initiated against the student. These disciplinary actions may range from the suspension or revocation of riding privileges in accordance with board policies and the Ohio Revised Code.

2. All students who reside over one (1) mile from their home elementary school, or middle and senior high students who reside more than two (2) miles from their respective schools are eligible for transportation. School buses will not be scheduled to travel roads where students live less than one-half (1/2) mile to the intersection of a main route.

3.. Pupils will ride their assigned buses to and from school. Parents must request, in writing, to permit deviation from this

rule. Requests shall be made to the transportation manager.

4. Pupils are assigned pickup and drop off locations (stops) unless a written request, signed by the parents, asking permission to be let off the bus at some other stop is presented to the bus driver (no senior high students will be discharged at the middle school.) Parents will assume the responsibility of the child when such a request is made and granted. The administration reserves the right to refuse these requests for just cause.

5. Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of the pupils while going to and from pickup points and for their meeting the bus on schedule.

6. Buses operate on a time schedule as outlined by the transportation manager and approved by the superintendent and board of education

7. Eating, drinking, chewing gum and littering are not permitted on the bus.

3. Possession or the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol of any type are not permitted on the bus at any time.

4. Noise on the bus shall be kept to a minimum at all times to assure safety of operation.

5. Absolute quiet must be maintained at all railroad crossings or other dangerous areas.

6. Nothing shall be thrown out of the bus nor anything held so it extends out of the window.

7. All parts of pupils' bodies shall be kept inside the bus at all times.

8. In accordance with the board of education's dangerous weapons policy, dangerous weapons, firearms, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, firecrackers, glass containers, animals, skateboards, other recreational items, or other dangerous materials, which may interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle, shall not be transported.

State of Ohio mandates that all Pre K - K students be handed to a parent or guardian at the bus stop.

9. Pupils may transport musical instruments, class projects, or articles so long as they can be held in the student's lap. Larger items will be placed in the under bus storage compartments when available.

10. No pupil shall stand up, leave or be out of their seat in any fashion while the bus is in motion. Pupils shall be required to perform four (4) rear door emergency evacuation drills per year. The drills will be supervised by the bus driver.

11. Pupils shall be waiting at least ten (10) feet from the roadway, in an orderly manner, at the assigned loading area to board the bus when it arrives. No pushing or shoving allowed when boarding the bus.

12. Pupils may be required to sit three (3) to a seat and no standees shall be allowed. Seats can be assigned by the driver to maintain order and for evacuation purposes.

13. Parents shall be held responsible for any damage done to the bus by their children.

14. In accordance with the board's zero tolerance policy on violence, fighting or intimidating other students or board employees is strictly prohibited