

February 21, 2023

Audubon Families,

As we are revisiting expectations, I am asking that you revisit the "Instructions for pupils riding the school buses" with your child. These instructions were on a document that each parent signed at the beginning of the school year acknowledging they had read and understood the school bus policies. It is important that all bus riders abide by the policies to create a safe ride for everyone. Riding the school bus is a privilege, please help us ensure these expectations are followed.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUPILS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

STUDENT SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. Students must be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the school bus.
Stand off roadway while awaiting bus.
2. Keep your seat at all times when the bus is moving. Keep arms and head inside bus.
3. Walk 12 feet in front of the bus. Wait for driver's signal before crossing the road.
4. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is dangerous.
5. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed at all times.
6. For safety reasons, absolute silence is required at all railroad crossings.
7. The driver is in full charge of bus and students. Students must obey driver at all times.
8. The driver has the right to assign students to seats if necessary to promote order.
9. No eating, drinking or smoking allowed on the bus.
10. Students must be on time; the bus driver cannot wait for tardy students.
11. Students may not use cellular telephones or electronic paging devices while being transported on the school bus.
12. The use of lap belts (if equipped) is mandatory.
13. Riding the school bus is a privilege - Students should not abuse it.

STUDENTS MAY BE SUSPENDED FROM THE SCHOOL BUS FOR VIOLATING SCHOOL BUS RULES.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parents/guardians shall ensure the safe travel of their students during the portions of each trip to and from school and home when the students are not under the custody and control of the school district, including during each trip to and from home and assigned bus stop when the school district provides bus transportation. Florida Administrative Code 6A-3.0121(2)(C)
2. Parents/guardians will ensure their students only ride their assigned bus and use only their assigned bus stop.
3. Parents/guardians will ensure their students follow the district's adopted code of conduct on the bus and at school bus stops and will provide necessary supervision.
4. Parents/guardians will provide necessary assistance to their disabled student if such assistance is required for the student to board or depart the school bus.

PENALTY: For violating these rules a pupil will be reported by the driver to the school principal who has the authority to suspend him temporarily or permanently from riding a bus.

Also please revisit the CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will listen to other people.
2. I will use my hands for helping, not hurting.
3. I will use caring language.
4. I will care about others' feelings.
5. I will be responsible for what I say and do.

Students have the responsibility to abide by prescribed standards of conduct while being transported at any time for any reason. Please also discuss that cell phones are not allowed to be used while riding the school bus. The school bus is an extension of the school day, and the cell phone policy must be followed until your child is off the school bus. The cell phones should be in your child's backpack until they exit the school bus. If misbehavior continues, your child may be suspended from riding the bus for as little as one day to the remainder of the school year. I would appreciate your support in helping your child to understand the instructions and the code of conduct on the bus. These guidelines allow the bus driver to maintain safety on the way to and from school and keeping your child safe is our number one goal. We must work together, and I am asking for your help and support to reinforce these expectations.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jones
Principal