

WEST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION

School Bus Rules for Students

In accordance with Indiana Law, the West Noble School Corporation has removed bus transportation from formal due process requirements. Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. Any student who misbehaves on a school bus may be denied the privilege of riding a school bus. If discipline concerns arise, the parents should first contact the bus driver. If the situation is not resolved, the parent should contact the transportation department.

School bus drivers are to have control of all students conveyed between the homes of the students and the school, and in return. The following regulations are to be observed by all student passengers:

- A.** Each student is allowed *one* pick up location in the morning and *one* drop off location in the afternoon. These two locations can be different from each other but must remain the same and not vary day to day or week to week. If an address change needs to be made it will begin as soon as transportation can accommodate.
- B.** Students will not be allowed to get off the bus except for at the school or his/her assigned location.
- C.** A responsible adult is expected to be at the PM bus stop to take custody of any Kindergarten or 1st grade student. If no adult is present, the student will be taken back to his/her school building. If chronic issues persist, the privilege to ride the PM bus may be terminated.
- D.** Students shall be waiting at their designated bus stop location when the school bus arrives.
- E.** Upon entering the bus, each student shall immediately locate the seat in which he/she has been assigned. Any student who refuses to accept his/ her assigned seat will be denied the privilege of riding the bus.
- F.** Students shall not stand or move from place to place during the trip.
- G.** Loud, boisterous or profane language or indecent conduct will not be tolerated.
- H.** Students shall not be allowed to tease, scuffle, trip, throw objects, hold, and hit or use their hands, feet, or body in any other objectionable manner.
- I.** Windows or doors will be opened or closed only by permission of the driver.
- J.** Students will enter or leave the bus only when it has come to a full stop and the driver has opened the door.
- K.** Any vandalism such as cutting seats, breaking windows, etc., will be paid for by the student or his/her parents. Vandalism will result in a suspension of riding privileges.
- L.** By Indiana law the school bus driver has the same authority on a bus as a teacher has in a classroom.
- M.** Discipline Procedures:
 - 1.** Minor disciplinary problems will be handled immediately by the bus driver.
 - 2.** If minor problems are not corrected, or if a major problem occurs, the driver may suspend the student for one day. The driver or Administrator will notify the parent/guardian of the suspension.
 - 3.** If a discipline problem is severe, an Administrator may suspend the student for up to 5 days. A conference with the student, driver, and parent should be held prior to reinstatement on the bus.
 - 4.** If a student continues to misbehave after the 1st 5-day suspension, or if the behavior is severe enough, Administration may recommend the student be suspended for 1 semester. The Superintendent may give permanent suspensions.