

## Wayland Public Schools



### Bus Conduct Rules

The school bus is considered an extension of the school itself, and rules regarding student behavior are the same as in the school. The safety of our students is our primary concern, and we reserve the right to take whatever action is necessary to maintain a high level of passenger safety on our buses. The right of a student to school bus transportation is a qualified right, dependent upon good behavior. In the case where a student seriously or continuously misbehaves on the bus, parents will be notified by the principal of the student's school, and the student's bus pass will be revoked, if in the opinion of the school administration, such action is necessary for the general safety and well-being of other passengers.

Wayland Public Schools students who ride a school bus are expected to be familiar with the following:

1. Students must obey the bus driver. The bus driver is in charge of the bus and passengers. Passengers must comply promptly and fully with the driver's requests. Students should not annoy the driver nor distract the driver's attention from driving. School bus drivers shall be treated at all times with courtesy and respect.
2. Students should speak and behave as if they were in the classroom. Students should not use profane or abusive language, push or strike other passengers, or vandalize, destroy or deface the bus or other students' property.
3. There is no eating or drinking on the school bus.
4. Large objects, including large musical instruments, should not be brought aboard the school bus. Sharp objects, breakable containers, and live animals (except for guide dogs) are not permitted on the bus. Items prohibited in schools by law (such as firearms, explosives, knives, weapons, alcohol or tobacco) are also not permitted on the bus.
5. When waiting for the bus, students should stand on the sidewalk or another designated place. They should respect other people's property, respect the right of other people to pass on the sidewalk and display manners that are considerate of others and their

safety. They should wait until the school bus has completely stopped and the bus door is open before approaching the bus. When boarding the bus, they should proceed single file, in an orderly manner.

6. Students must remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
7. Students should not open windows without permission from the bus driver or a member of the Wayland Public Schools staff that is aboard the bus. They should not throw anything out the bus windows, or put their heads, hands, arms, or any other part of the body out of the bus windows at any time. They should not open the rear exit door of the bus unless there is an emergency or they are directed to do so by the bus driver.
8. When getting off the bus, students should cross only in front of the bus when the blinking lights are on and the stop sign is extended. They should cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus and look for traffic in both directions before crossing the roadway. Students should not run beside a bus, chase a bus, or pick up anything that has fallen near the wheel of a bus.
9. All eligible and fee-based students will be issued a bus pass which they must show to the driver each day upon entering the bus. The pass entitles the students a school bus ride to and from school. Students are to ride only the bus to which they are assigned.
10. A student who allows another student to use his/her bus pass, or sells his/her bus pass, is subject to having bus privileges revoked. Unauthorized duplication of a bus pass may result in loss of bus riding privileges.

**A student who pays a fee for transportation and whose riding privileges are suspended because of violation of these rules will not receive a fee refund.**