



# Bus Ridership Rules & Regulations 2008-2009

These rules and regulations were prepared in accord with the Washington State Patrol and apply to all school busses operating in the State of Washington.

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students must obey the driver promptly and willingly.
2. Unless by permission of school authorities, no student shall be permitted to leave the bus except at his or her regular stop.
3. Each student might be assigned a seat in which he will be seated at all times unless permission to change is given by the bus driver.
4. Appropriate conduct must be followed. Appropriate conduct will be interpreted to mean that students:
  - a. will sit properly in their seats
  - b. will refrain from throwing objects in the bus
  - c. will keep their hands to themselves
  - d. will be courteous to their fellow passengers
5. Students are to assist in keeping the bus clean by keeping their waste paper and other trash off the floor.
6. Students must also refrain from throwing anything out the windows. To help keep the bus clean, eating is not allowed, except when specifically authorized and supervised by an accompanying teacher, or other staff member.
7. No student will smoke, light matches or lighters, or use any type of flame or sparking device on the school bus, or any form of tobacco.
8. Students will refrain from using vulgar or obscene language or gestures.
9. No student shall at any time extend any body part out of the window whether the bus is in motion or standing still.
10. No student shall open a window on the school bus without first getting permission from the school bus driver.

Students are expected to abide by all the rules stated in the St. Joseph Bus Ridership Rules and Regulations. Minor infractions of the rules will be handled by the bus driver by seat assignment, time out in the front seat, etc. A bus infraction will be issued for behaviors of a more serious nature such as those that would follow under the major offenses category of our discipline policy.

Consequences for a bus infraction will be as follows:

**First infraction:** Student talks with principal, and receives a bus infraction.

**Second infraction:** Student talks with principal, and receives a bus infraction.

**Third infraction:** Student talks with principal, fills out a Time out Problem Solving Sheet and may not ride the bus for two weeks. The student will also receive a discipline referral.

**Fourth infraction:** Student talks with principal, is suspended from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

**An extreme offense** will warrant suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school year and be subject to consequences of the school discipline policy.

Bus infractions will be sent home to be signed by the parents and the student and returned to school.

Please review the above with your student(s), sign and return to school office no later than September 5, 2008.

**I have read the above with my child(ren) and agree to abide by this policy.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(rens) Names: \_\_\_\_\_