

## POLICY 2216

### Transportation - Conduct on Buses

- A. The conduct of students being transported regularly, or to-and-from activities sponsored by the school, shall be the same as required while in attendance at school; all district policies for student behavior are applicable. Drivers are school officials and may take such measures as seem advisable to assure proper conduct including temporary suspension and permanent expulsion (as approved by the principal up to the length of the school year) from bus privileges. It is understood that all conduct expected of students applies to adults on the bus.
- B. Students must be on time. Students should be at their bus stop 3-5 minutes before the bus arrives. The bus will not wait for students who are tardy.
- C. Eligible students will load the bus or be unloaded from the bus at the stop and school to which he/she is regularly assigned. Written request by the parent or guardian to the bus driver and approval by the principal may allow students to enter or exit the bus at a different route stop. Students are not permitted to enter or exit the bus at a school to which they are not attending unless a parent/guardian is present.
- D. Students are never to stand in roadways while waiting for the bus; when loading or unloading from the bus and having to cross the roadway, the student must cross in front of the bus. While crossing the roadway to load or after unloading from a bus the student must do so with the aid of the flashing red signals activated by the driver, and a hand signal from the driver.
- E. Any objects brought onto the bus must be safely secured or conveniently carried by the student without causing discomfort or unreasonable annoyance to other passengers. Objects are not to block aisles, doors, steps or emergency exits. Objects that may pose a hazard or risk to the passengers or driver may be barred from coming onto the bus. Nothing should extend above the seat back. No object or item shall be thrown from the bus.
- F. There shall be no shouting, whistling, pushing, scuffling, inappropriate conduct, or unnecessary conversation with the driver. The use of alcohol, tobacco in any form, or any product containing nicotine, controlled substances (reference Board [Policy 5290 Student Discipline – Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco](#)), obscene or profane language is also prohibited. Students may not take firearms, blowguns, knives, water pistols, flippers, lighters or any flammable material, or any other item that through its use may damage

the bus, inflict injury on another person, or cause unnecessary disturbance. No student shall willfully attack or otherwise molest another student on the bus; harassment and/or bullying will not be tolerated.

- G. All students must be seated while the bus is in motion. Passengers may not arise from their seats to exit before the bus is stopped; nor may they load or unload while the bus is in motion. Passengers must not extend their arms, heads, or other parts of the body out of the windows of the bus. No food or drink may be consumed on the bus without permission of the bus driver.
- H. Students must not use the rear emergency door, except as directed by the driver.
- I. Any willful or negligent damage to the bus by any student must be paid for by that student or the student's parents/guardians. Students causing unnecessary litter will be responsible to clean up such litter.
- J. District transportation is available to children/students who are enrolled in the Box Elder School District and qualify for transportation as per the rules of the State of Utah and the Box Elder School District.
- K. The opportunity to utilize school/district provided transportation is a privilege extended to our students. Transportation is not a "right." The privilege of using school/district provided transportation may be denied for cause. A student who is denied transportation does have the right to basic due process.
- L. The radio and audible music on the bus are privileges controlled by the driver. When either is allowed it must
  - 1. not contain profane or vulgar language and/or lyrics, and
  - 2. not be played at volumes distracting to the driver or other students.
- M. Bus drivers are under obligation to follow policies, procedures, and regulations of the Board and the State of Utah.