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SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. **All student riding the school bus should be at their bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus.** A parent or guardian should be at the stop location with their kindergarten age student. **When students are not at the stop on time, it delays the entire bus route.** Your student should be at the stop and ready to board the bus prior to the bus stopping. Delays can also happen due to traffic, rerouting and students at earlier stops not at the stop on time.
2. **Bus drivers are not allowed to let a kindergarten student off the bus if there is not a parent/guardian at the stop.** The bus driver will keep the student on the bus and the student will be taken back to Rice Elementary for the parent to pick-up. To avoid this, please arrive 10 minutes prior to the drop off time.
3. Students should conduct themselves in the same manner as when in the classroom and utilize NORMAL conversation. Please do not scream or yell on the bus. The bus driver has the same authority as a teacher in the classroom. Disrespecting the bus driver is not acceptable.
4. **Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.** Please wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting on or off the bus. Students must not extend or place their arms, hands, head, or other items out of the school bus windows.
5. Students must not damage or tamper with any parts of the bus or equipment. Parents will be held financially responsible for any willful acts of destruction.
6. Horseplay, fighting, use of profanity or vulgarity, throwing items or trash in or out of the school bus, or other behavior which distracts the driver is considered improper conduct and is not permitted. Fighting on the bus or at a bus stop may result in an immediate one-week suspension and possible charges.
7. Students are not permitted to bring or use any of the following items on the school bus: live animals, weapons, controlled substances, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, water pistols or items that are used to shoot liquids.
8. Aisles must always be kept free, items which are too large for the student to hold on their lap, including musical instruments or projects are not permitted. Students may not block the aisle with their feet or possessions.
9. Students may not leave the bus for any reason or get off at a location other than their assigned stop. **We do not transport students for play dates or homework projects.** Bus passes are assigned on an emergency basis. Please notify the Transportation Department if an emergency bus pass is necessary.
10. **Ridership on a school bus is a privilege, any conduct that endangers the safety of other students, the school bus driver, or other motorists will be considered a severe violation and could result in the immediate suspension of school bus riding privileges.**

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