

Parent or Guardian Please Keep...
Clinton County Schools Regulations for Students Riding School Buses

The privilege of any **Student** to ride a school bus is conditioned upon his/her good behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations: any pupil who violates any of these rules or regulations will be reported to the principal of the school, which the student attends for necessary corrective action. The **School Bus Driver** has the responsibility to maintain order and the safe operation of the bus for the daily route or special trip in accordance with transportation policies, rules and regulations.

1. The driver is in charge of the bus and the students. Obey the driver promptly.
2. Students shall ride their assigned bus unless a note signed by the parent/guardian and approved by the principal is presented to the bus driver.
3. Students shall get on and off at their regular designated stop unless a note signed by the principal/designee is presented to the bus driver. The bus will not make unscheduled stops for parental pickup as a convenience.
4. Be on time. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy. **Be at the bus stop 10 minutes before bus is scheduled to arrive.** Parents/guardians of students in grades Pre – 4th Grade will need to make sure that an adult will be at the drop off location or the student will be transported back to their school or the bus garage for parent/guardian pick up. Habitual abuse of this rule may result in the loss of riding privileges.
5. Never stand in the road while waiting for the bus. Wait in an orderly line off highway or street. The driver should designate the safe area the student should wait for the bus.
6. Do not run toward or across the street in front of the bus while it is in motion.
7. Always cross in front of the bus and at a safe distance in front of the bus in order to be seen by the bus driver. (Minimum, 10-12 feet.) Cross only on driver's signal.
8. Students shall board the bus and immediately go to their assigned seat, without disturbing other passengers; and stay in their assigned seat until the bus comes to a complete stop at their designated bus stop.
9. Report promptly to the driver any damage done to the bus. Students causing damage shall be expected to defray the full costs of repairs before riding privileges are restored. Students caught spitting tobacco products on the bus, leaving dip bottles and/or littering including food or drinks will be required to pay for cleaning the bus before riding privileges are restored as this is a health issue.
10. Students shall not engage in any activity which might divert the driver's attention away from driving the bus or cause an accident, such as:
 - a) Loud talking, laughing, or unnecessary confusion, or conversation with the driver.
 - b) Playing any media device.
 - c) Extending any part of the body out of the bus windows or doors.
11. Students shall not move about within the bus while it is in motion.
12. Students shall not engage in any activity which might damage or causes excessive wear to the bus or other property.
13. The following activities are prohibited at all times:
 - a) Improper behavior to include:
 - Insolence, disobedience, vulgarity, foul language, fighting, pushing, shoving, and similar offensive acts.
 - b) Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, pep pills, etc.
 - c) Selling or exchanging items or substances.
 - d) Possessing knives, sharp objects, or weapons.
 - e) Bringing animal or insects.
 - f) Throwing articles or objects in or from the bus.
 - g) Tampering with mechanical equipment, accessories or controls on the bus.
 - h) Placing musical instruments or other articles at the door beside the driver.
 - i) Obstructing the aisle and emergency exits in any manner.
 - j) Occupying more space in a seat than required, all items which pupil brings on the bus must be held by the student.
 - k) Tracking mud and dirt onto the bus or spitting on the bus.
 - l) Littering the bus, using tobacco products including vaping devices.
 - m) Opening or closing windows without permission of the driver.
 - n) Talking and noise at railroad crossings.
14. Student shall not eat food, eat candy, chew gum, and drink water/soft drinks on regular route buses. Food, candy, chewing gum, water, and soft drinks shall only be transported on the bus in a back pack, book bag, or lunch box.
15. A student shall not carry water on a bus in an enclosed container with the intent to water fight. There shall be no water guns or water bottles that can be used as a water gun permitted on a school bus.
16. A student's personal medication should not be transported to and from school on a school bus. If student needs medication during school hours parents should make arrangements with the school the pupil attends to have medication delivered and/or picked up at their school.
17. In route to a student's school of attendance, if he/she must get off and wait and/or transfer to another bus, that student must remain on the school's campus at that designated area until he/she leaves on their designated bus.
18. Any student who persists in violating any part of these rules or regulation shall be reported to the principal of the school in which they attend for disciplinary action. After due warning has been given, the principal shall withdraw the privilege of riding the school bus for a specific period.