



Bus Rules

The McAllen I.S.D. Transportation Department is pleased to provide transportation for your child and solicits your assistance in helping create a safe and efficient operation.

The bus driver is responsible for the safe operation of the school bus and the safety and discipline of bus students. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and the principal will administer the discipline with the assistance from the bus driver. No student will be transported by a school bus that is termed ineligible for transportation by McAllen ISD policies and Texas Education Agency Guidelines (TEA). Students must follow the Bus Conducts Codes established by school district. They are herein outlined for your information and for the guidance of your child.

1. **Students are expected to be at the appropriate bus stop on time.**
2. Students should wait a sufficient distance (approx. 10 ft.) from the pavement and never stand in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
3. Students will get on or off the bus only at their assigned stops.
4. Students will not refuse to sit in an assigned seat or deny another person a place to sit; student will not safe seats with the exception of holding a seat for younger sibling.
5. At no time will students act toward or address comments to a bus driver in a disrespectful manner or refuse to cooperate with the driver.
6. Students will remain seated facing forward for the duration of the trip, and remain seated until bus comes to a complete stop, and students are asked to exit the bus.
7. Students will not throw articles within the bus, out the bus window, or at any vehicles; students will not extend any part of their body out of the bus window and will keep their feet on the floor in front of them and out of the bus aisle.
8. **Students will not take or handle any emergency equipment inside of the bus, and will never board or leave the bus through the emergency door except in an emergency.**
9. Students will not yell, scream, or whistle on the bus; excessive noise will not be tolerated.
10. **The following items are strictly PROHIBITED on the bus: Cigarettes of any type of narcotics, matches, alcoholic beverages, weapons, explosives (such as fireworks), unsheathed pointed articles, or animals.**
11. **Students will not eat, drink, or liter on the bus.**
12. **Students will not write upon, disfigure or destroy any part (inside or outside) of the bus. Students who damage school district property will be charged for such damage and maybe suspended from the bus immediately.**
13. Students will abide by the individual school rules and regulations pertaining to bus students.
14. Serious offenses are defined but not limited to those listed above.

Consequences

1st Offense: Warning. A bus conduct report is written and forwarded to school principal. The principal will warn the student and contact the parent.

2nd Offense: Bus suspension for three (3) days. A bus conduct is written and forwarded to school principal. The student is denied bus privileges as indicated. The principal will notify the student parents.

3rd Offense: Bus suspension for five (5) days or for the remainder of the semester, depending on the level of severity. A bus conduct is written and forwarded to the school principal. The student is denied bus privileges as indicated. The principal will notify the student parents