

BURKE COUNTY SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

(The same rules that apply in the school & classrooms, also apply at the bus stop and on the bus.)

Students must arrive at their designated bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time, per Georgia State law and BOE best practice standards; the only exception is due to extreme and inclement weather.

The driver will not stop twice at any designated stop. Students must load on the first trip stop only!

Students should never chase the bus or run to another stop to load the bus.

If you miss the bus, you must be transported to school by a parent or guardian, to ensure safety.

All students will be assigned a seat and they are required to remain on their assigned seat for the entire school year; unless changed by the driver, bus monitor, or authorized district administrator.

Students must be seated promptly upon loading the bus. Students must remain seated, with all items and body parts out of the aisle, for the duration of the bus route, and while the bus is in motion, or if the bus is delayed due to mechanical breakdown issues.

Students shall not open windows without the permission of the school bus driver. If windows are opened, students should not extend any part of their body outside the windows. Students should not throw objects on the bus or out the bus windows at any time.

Students **are not permitted** to eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus. All food or drinks should be stored away before entering the bus. Any food or drinks consumed on the bus will be confiscated, and the student will be reported to the disciplinary administrator.

Students are not permitted to possess tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on the school bus.

Students must conduct themselves in a Safe Orderly and Respectful manner at all times, with adults and students. Students are required to follow the instructions of the driver and/or the bus monitor at all times.

Profanity, obscene gestures, gang signs, screaming, and extreme loud talking are not permitted on the bus.

Students shall not possess, handle, or transport any type of weapon (real or fake) or objects that could be considered a weapon while on the bus or at the bus stop.

Students are prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, other lights or reflective devices that might interfere with the school bus driver's safe operation of the school bus.

Students must ride the bus assigned to them by district officials, zoned for their area of residence and schools.

Students shall not cause any property damage to the bus. **Persons causing damage will be required to make full restitution of the damaged property and will be subject to disciplinary action.**

Students are not permitted to exit the bus, **except at their approved designated bus stop**, without written permission from a parent, which must be signed by school officials.

Students must not open or touch the emergency door, fire extinguisher, or other bus equipment unless instructed to do so by the bus driver or bus monitor.

Students are prohibited from using or operating any electronic devices while loading and unloading the bus, per Georgia state law and BOE best practice standards. Violations may result in bus suspension.