

Bus Conduct

All school students and parents must understand that school buses are considered as an extension of school facilities with regard to conduct of students. All student handbook rules and regulations are applicable and assigned bus drivers have the responsibility and authority to enforce rules and regulations on the bus. In instances when students do not properly respond to reasonable corrective actions by the bus driver, they are to be referred to the Principal or Assistant Principal for further corrective action according to the Discipline Code of Slippery Rock Area School District.

- Students are expected to demonstrate proper respect for the position represented by the driver and to obey all rules, regulations and instructions of the driver.
- Students must be on time at the designated school bus stops and walk in front of the bus when crossing the road.
- Students should file onto the bus, sit immediately, and conduct themselves in an orderly and well-disciplined manner.
- Students shall always remain seated when the bus is in operation. Students shall not extend their hands or heads out of the windows.
- Voice volume on the bus must be maintained at a moderate level.
- Emergency doors at the rear of the bus are to be operated only when it is necessary to vacate the bus during emergencies.
- Throwing objects is strictly forbidden.
- Possession of any device that can impair the safety of the riders and/or the safe operation of the bus is strictly prohibited.
- Fighting, profane or obscene language, immoral conduct and/or insubordination to the authority of the bus driver are prohibited.
- When buses stop to discharge passengers, students shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door of the bus is opened.
- Students who desire to get off the bus at any stop other than their assigned regular stop must have a approved bus pass from the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Food, beverages, illegal substances, or tobacco of any type are not to be used or transported on the bus. The exception is lunches packed at home to be consumed during lunch period.
- Loosening or removing screws, bolts and other hardware is strictly forbidden.
- Students must refrain from littering inside the bus and at the bus stops.
- Marking or writing on any part of the bus is prohibited. Any physical damage to the bus by students will be repaired at the parent's expense.
- Transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right. Students may be suspended from bus riding privileges for violation of rules.
- Any student placed in an in-school suspension program for a bus violation is denied bus privileges during the time of the suspension. It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation until the time of the suspension is completed.
- Any request for bus schedule changes must go through the Transportation Office.
- These rules apply to the activities bus as well as to regular buses.
- CD players (headsets) are permitted at the discretion of the bus driver. No other electronic devices may be used on the bus without the expressed written consent of the bus driver or the school administration.
- Only students who are riding a bus may be on the bus ramp at dismissal. All walkers and car riders are to use their designated school exits to leave at dismissal. No students are permitted to walk between the buses or behind the buses. Students walking to SRU may not use the building (paved path) until all buses have left the bus ramp area.