

Bus Safety Rules and Expectations

- Students must always show respect to the bus driver.
- Students must obey the directions given by the bus driver.
- Do not talk to the bus driver while the bus is moving.
- Sit facing the front of the bus while it is moving. Always remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop, and close the window if opened.
- Stay in your assigned seat, do not move without permission.
- Keep your hands to yourself, and do not touch other students or another student's property. No fighting or pushing; this is an automatic suspension of bus privileges. **(Zero tolerance)**
- Do not place anything in the aisle of the bus.
- Do not place your hands, arms, or head outside the bus windows.
- No spitting or throwing anything out of the bus windows
- Students may talk quietly. Yelling or disruptive behavior will not be allowed on the bus.
- Students must wear headphones if they want to listen to music or social media on their phones.
- The driver will not tolerate profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, teasing, or bullying.
- Obscene or sexual language or gestures are not allowed.
- Students cannot display gang signs or gestures.
- No eating or drinking on the bus unless the student has water in a bottle with a screw-on lid. Glass bottles of any kind, will not be allowed. If a student uses a water bottle to squirt or throws water at another student, the driver will take the water bottle.
- No gum or sunflower seeds are allowed on the bus
- No tobacco, vaping products, lighters, or matches are allowed on the bus.
- No illegal substance or over-the-counter medication is allowed. (Prescription drugs must be listed on a Health Care Plan and provided to the Director of Transportation before the student brings them on the bus.)
- No weapons, guns, knives, or objects the driver considers a safety risk are allowed. If a student has a weapon, they will receive an automatic suspension of bus privileges. **(Zero tolerance)**
- No heavy metal objects are allowed on the bus.
- Vandalizing any part of the bus, writing on seats, ripping, cutting, tearing, or damaging the bus in any way will not be tolerated. (Students and guardians of that student will be held responsible for damages to the bus.) Vandalism will result in the suspension of bus privileges. **(Zero tolerance)**
- Use of sprays of any kind is strictly prohibited. (Colognes, perfumes, spray deodorants, body sprays, hand sanitizer, etc.) Anything that gives off any smell or odor can trigger a severe allergic reaction to other bus passengers. **(Zero tolerance)**
- Once the student gets on the bus and has been checked off the manifest by the driver, that student will not be allowed to exit the bus until they arrive at their destination. A student can only leave the bus if the parent or guardian has requested a staff member to remove the student from the bus before departure.
- At the school bus stop, students must wait behind the yellow line until the

bus comes to a complete stop, and the driver directs the students to start loading onto the bus.

- Remain at least 3 feet from the bus when standing or walking near the bus. If you can touch the bus, you are too close and may cause a safety risk.
- No dribbling, kicking, or throwing balls around the bus stop or street is allowed. Students will receive one warning before consequences are issued.
- Never crawl under the bus to retrieve anything; please notify the driver to assist if something is under the bus.

Bus Discipline Policy

1. Verbal warning: The driver will verbally warn the student and may move the student to a different seat. The Transportation Director will notify the parent/guardian.
2. First Violation: The driver will issue a written incident report, and a copy will go to the Transportation Director and Academy Principal. Students will not be allowed back on the bus until the parent/guardian attends a scheduled conference.
3. Second Violation: The driver will issue a second written incident report, and a copy will go to the Transportation Director and Academy Principal. The student may be suspended from bus privileges for 1 to 5 days, depending on the severity of the situation, and the parent/guardian will need to attend a scheduled conference.
4. Third Violation: The driver will issue a third written incident report, and a copy will go to the Transportation Director and Academy Principal. The student may be suspended from bus privileges for the remainder of the school year, depending on the severity of the situation. The parent/guardian will need to attend another scheduled conference.

Zero Tolerance Violations

The following actions will result in an automatic suspension of bus privileges:

Fighting

Possession of drugs

Possession of any weapon

The driver will notify the Transportation Director, who will notify the Academy Principal, CHPA security, and parent/guardian of Zero tolerance violations as soon as possible. The severity of the situation will determine suspension time from bus privileges. Bus service suspension may be days, weeks, or the remainder of the school year.

The Transportation Director will notify local Law Enforcement (PPD) when necessary.

NOTE: The following signature page must be signed and returned to allow the use of CHPA student transportation.

I have received and understand CHPA Transportation Rules and Expectations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR ARTHUR ALARID.

CHPA Transportation policies correlate to standards in the CHPA Student Handbook (pages 14-18).

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