

Columbus Bilingual Academy

Bus Behavior Rules & Consequences Contract

A bus, van, or automobile owned and operated or contracted by Columbus Bilingual Academy (CBA) is considered CBA school property and as such is an extension of the school or classroom. All violations of school or bus rules committed as a passenger or at a school bus stop may result in loss of bus riding privileges and other more severe disciplinary measures as determined by the school administrator.

Students who have the opportunity to ride school buses may do so as long as they display behavior that is reasonable and safe. Choosing to follow unacceptable behavior will result in loss of bus riding privileges. The bus driver is responsible for the safety and discipline of students on the bus. The Instruction Coordinator and/or Office Manager is available when a situation is beyond the control of the driver. A suspension of bus riding privileges applies to all buses unless otherwise designated by the Transportation Supervisor and/or his designee.

Please take time to review the school bus rules and regulations with your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Office Manager at 614.525.0309.

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and passengers at all times.
2. Students shall give their correct name promptly and willingly when asked by the bus driver and/or CBA administrator. Failure to do so shall result in exclusion of riding privileges.
3. Skate boards, roller blades, roller skates, skis, ski poles, ski boards, breakable containers, etc. and/or any items that may cause injury to others are strictly prohibited from the bus.
4. No animal, reptile, fish or fowl is permitted on the bus.
5. Bus aisles are to be kept clear at all times. All materials will be stowed under the seat, and/or carried on the student's lap.
6. Quiet conversation will be permitted to your immediate neighbor only.
7. Disruptive conduct will not be permitted.
8. Aggressive play will not be permitted. Eating, drinking, and gum chewing will not be permitted.
9. Sitting improperly – students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion and face forward. A student may be given an assigned seat. Students are to remain seated and not change seats without driver permission.
10. Students shall refrain from pushing and shoving students while on or near the bus.
11. Improper language is not acceptable. Improper language means: Any language that is not appropriate in the classroom is not appropriate on the bus.
12. Tampering with any bus controls or equipment is prohibited.
13. Bus windows are to be left closed unless the driver grants permission to open them. Students shall not extend head, hands, or arms out of the bus windows. Students shall not throw anything out of bus windows.
14. Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean.
15. Students shall respect private property at bus stops.
16. In the event of any emergency, students shall follow emergency exit procedures.
17. Students must leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is due, but no earlier than five minutes.
18. Students are to remain at a safe distance from the bus until it is completely stopped at least six feet. Playing in the roadway is not acceptable.
19. Students shall not cross the roadway until the driver has given consent. Students must cross only in front of the bus, never behind the bus. When loading or leaving the bus students must maintain order. Students shall be in view of the driver at all times.

Failure to follow the above rules multiple times may result in suspension from the bus as deemed appropriate by the Instruction Coordinator and/or Office Manager.

Failure to follow the following rules will result in immediate suspension from the bus. Additionally, other law enforcement agencies may be notified by the Instruction Coordinator and/or Office Manager if deemed necessary.

1. No weapons of any type shall be allowed on the bus. This includes toys that are made to look like a weapon. Students that bring weapons, real or not, shall be excluded from the bus for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration and the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.
2. Any threat (joking or not) to use guns, knives, bombs or any similar devices shall result in exclusion from the bus for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration and the appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.
3. Any ongoing bullying, threatening and/or harassment of students, or the bus driver, shall result in exclusion from the bus for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration.
4. Illegal drugs and/or stimulants are not permitted on the bus. Students that bring illegal drugs and/or stimulants shall be excluded from the bus for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration.
5. Physical or verbal assault directed at the school bus driver shall result in exclusion from bus riding privileges for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration. Assault against a public official is a Felony.
6. All participants engaged in fighting shall be excluded from bus riding privileges for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration.
7. Students will not smoke or be in possession of any tobacco products on the bus. Possession of tobacco products on the bus shall result in exclusion of riding privileges for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration.
8. Lewd, vulgar, obscene, rude, profane language, sexually obscene behavior, obscene gestures, obscene materials of any type on the bus shall result in exclusion of riding privileges for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration. Appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified depending on behavior and material.
9. Vandalism shall result in exclusion of bus riding privileges for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration, plus reimbursement by the student, parent, and/or guardian for the damage to the bus.
10. Theft of any property shall result in exclusion of bus riding privileges for a certain amount of school days determined by CBA Administration, plus any applicable law enforcement action.
11. Lighting matches or lighters and/or other sparking devices on the bus shall result in a minimum of (5) day exclusion of bus riding privileges.
12. The use of any laser device on the bus shall result in a minimum of (5) day exclusion of bus riding privileges.
13. Spitting on the bus and/or out of the bus window shall result in exclusion of riding privileges for a minimum of five days.

I agree to abide by these school bus safety rules and procedures and understand that not following these rules may result in suspension of bus privileges.

Student Name

Date

I have reviewed these bus safety rules and procedures with my child and understand that my child may be suspended from the bus if they do not follow the safety rules and procedures which are in place. Additionally, I understand that, if my child is suspended from the bus, it is my responsibility to arrange transportation and to ensure he/she is in school and on time each day he/she is suspended from the bus.

Parent Signature

Date



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Rules:

1. Sit in your seat with feet in front.
2. No food or drink on the bus.
3. Use an indoor/quiet voice
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Consequences:

1. Students who do not follow the above rules will have names turned into the school administrator every evening.
2. Students will clip down the next morning.
3. Bus driver will give two warning slips. The third slip is a removal from the bus.
4. If behavior issues continue student will not be allowed bus transportation unless a parent can ride with the child.