

# EPSOC K-8 Busing Information

## Bus Rules and Regulations

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and pupils. Students must obey the driver promptly and willingly.
2. Each pupil may be assigned a seat in which they will be seated at all times unless the permission to change is given by the school principal and/or the Transportation Supervisor.
3. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct must be observed. Students should face the front and observe the driving situation and be prepared to react accordingly if necessary.
4. Pupils are to assist in trying to keep the bus clean and also refrain from throwing refuse out the windows. Eating and/or drinking on the bus is not allowed.
5. Pupils shall not open windows on the school bus without first getting permission from the school bus driver. Windows are not to be lowered below the third latching position.
6. No pupil at any time shall extend his or her head or arms out the school bus windows. Students will not tamper with any emergency doors or windows unless emergency conditions exist or while emergency drills are being conducted.
7. Pupils are to remain seated while bus is in motion and are not to get on or off bus until the bus comes to a full stop. No animal, reptile, fish or fowl is permitted on the bus, except for seeing-eye dogs.
8. Students should refrain from rushing to the bus to load, and must be cautious and watchful for the motorist who attempts to pass during loading or unloading operations.
9. Pupils must cross the highway only in front of the school bus and never behind it, and at the driver's direction.
10. Pupils who have to walk for some distance along the roadway to the bus loading must walk on the left-hand side of the road facing the oncoming traffic. This will also apply to pupils leaving the bus loading area.
11. Pupils are not permitted to sit in the driver's seat at anytime. Tampering with any emergency equipment such as first aid kit, fire extinguishers, or highway warning kits is not allowed. Tampering with bus controls and equipment is prohibited.
12. Students should never play or scuffle while waiting for the bus. Pupils should not harass the motoring or walking public or private property owners.
13. Pupils should never throw articles of any kind that can litter or damage public or private property.
14. Student misconduct on the bus will be sufficient reason to suspend riding privileges to those students involved.
15. Any damage to the bus or equipment must be paid for by those responsible. Willful damage is also cause to deny any student the right to ride the school bus. **SMOKING, LIGHTING MATCHES, VULGARITY AND FIGHTING MAY ALSO BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES.**
16. In the event of an actual emergency, emergency exit procedures, as established by the emergency exit drills, Chapter 391-145-045 WAC, will be followed.
17. The foregoing procedures apply to all students transported to and from school, and those students transported to other facilities including extra- curricular activities.
18. NOTICE: The school board wishes to provide safe and efficient transportation. We ask your cooperation with the bus drivers in carrying out the procedures outlined herein.

**MISCONDUCT REPORTS ARE FILED WITH BUILDING PRINCIPAL AND KEPT WITH STUDENT RECORDS.** Chapter 392-145-045 WAC All procedures as outlined by WACS 180-40-230/392-145-015 have been adopted by the Board of Directors, Bethel School District No. 403.

