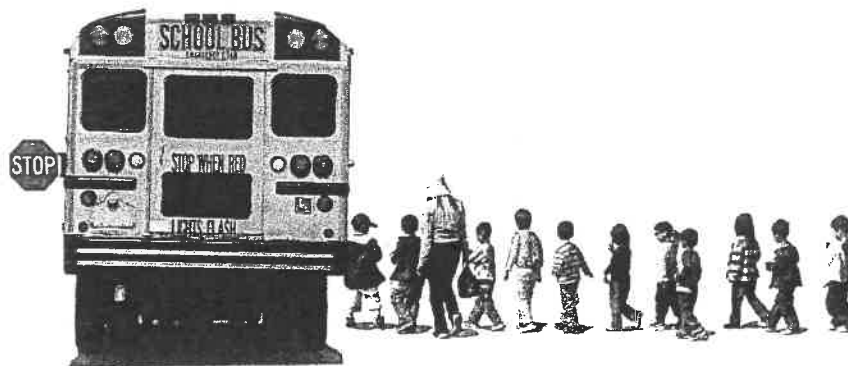


SCHOOL BUS *Rules and Regulations*



Because primary responsibility for various aspects of the transportation operation are delegated to the bus contractor, the Supervisor of Transportation or the school principal, parents or citizens seeking information will receive better service by proceeding as follows:

1. *Information about late buses should be directed to the contractor (657-7155) or the District School Transportation Office (359-6391). Two-way radio communication is available at the school bus terminal for information or concerning late buses.*

2. *When schools close because of inclement weather the notice is broadcast on radio and television stations by 6 a.m. The stations broadcasting the school closings are:*

Radio: WLIP-AM 1050, WIIL-FM 95.1, WDDW-FM 104.7, WGTD-FM 91.1, WRJN-AM 1400, WEZY-FM 92.1, WISN-AM 1130, The Brew-FM 97.3, WMIL-FM 106.1, WTMJ-AM 620, WKTI-FM 94.5, WOKY-AM 920, WKKV-V100.7 FM, WRIT-FM 95.7 WMYX-FM 99.1, WXSS-FM 103.7, and WEMP-AM 1250

Television: WISN-TV Channel 12, WTMJ-TV Channel 4 (Today's TMJ 4), WITI-TV Channel 6 (Fox 6), WDJT-TV Channel 58, Cable Channel 20, and the District's Web site: www.kusd.edu.

3. *Information or complaints concerning bus routes or bus stops, safety standards or contract requirements, should be directed to the School District Transportation Office.*

4. *Information or complaints concerning student behavior while on the bus or while loading or unloading the bus should be directed to the school principal.*

School buses transport a most precious cargo. To insure a safe school bus ride requires the complete cooperation of pupils, parents, the school and the bus contractor. Students and parents should realize that school bus transportation is a PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. A safe school bus ride and better service will result if everyone abides by the following rules and regulations. Improper behavior will not be tolerated. Pupils who misbehave can be suspended from school and denied the privilege of riding the bus.

STUDENTS: WHILE WAITING TO BOARD BUS

1. *Be at the authorized stop at least ten minutes before scheduled boarding time to prevent delay.*
2. *If the authorized stop is on the opposite side of the road of your residence, do not cross the road until the bus has stopped and the driver has signaled you to cross.*
3. *While waiting for the bus, stay off the traveled portion of the highway. If there is a group of students, pushing or shoving should be avoided.*
4. *Do not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop, at home or at the school loading zone.*

WHILE RIDING THE BUS

1. *Be seated as soon as possible to avoid traffic delay on the highway.*
2. *Personal belongings should be held on student's lap or under the seat. Any articles which can block aisles, entrances or exits shall not be allowed aboard the bus.*
3. *Unnecessary noise should be avoided. Silence should prevail at dangerous intersections and railroad crossings.*
4. *Any damage to the bus or its equipment will not be allowed.*
5. *No portion of a student's body shall be allowed to extend beyond the window of the bus when the driver allows the windows to be open.*
6. *Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and sanitary by not discarding unwanted materials within the bus or out of the bus windows. If a waste receptacle is available on the bus, students will be expected to use it.*
7. *The driver is responsible for controlling bus riders, therefore students are expected to abide by the driver's requests when approached for seat assignments or other requests necessary for proper discipline or emergency situations.*
8. *No standing will be allowed in the bus while it is in motion except while the student passenger is going to the door or seat, just prior to stopping or immediately after loading.*
9. *Smoking is banned by state law on a school bus. Smoking violations will promptly be reported to the principal for disciplinary action.*

LEAVING THE BUS

1. *Students should move toward front exit in an orderly manner when the bus is approaching their authorized stop.*
2. *If the student must cross the street or road, they should walk to a point which is at least 10 normal strides past the front of the bus on the untraveled portion of the highway and await for a signal from the driver to cross. The student should then proceed cautiously, watching for traffic in either direction.*
3. *If the bus is in an area where red flashing lights cannot be used, the student shall remain standing on the sidewalk until the bus has left, then proceed to the nearest pedestrian crosswalk and cross the street or road when it is safe to do so.*

DURING EXTRACURRICULAR OR FIELD TRIPS

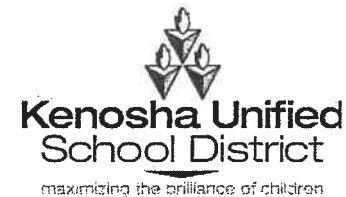
1. *Any of the applicable rules or regulations will apply to any trip under school sponsorship.*
2. *Pupils shall respect the wishes of competent chaperones appointed by the school officials to accompany the student bus riders.*
3. *Teachers, chaperones and the bus driver shall confer before and after the trip on matters concerning the violation of the rules and regulations. The teacher or chaperone should verbally explain to the students the disciplinary action which could result from misconduct. Any violations should be in written form to the principal, by the teacher, chaperone or driver.*

DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

1. *The driver shall be responsible for maintenance of order for school bus riders without physical or verbal assault. Misconduct considered serious by the driver shall be in written form to the principal for disciplinary action. If immediate disciplinary action is needed, the driver shall use the two-way radio to dispatch needed assistance by other authorities.*
2. *Drivers and passengers are not allowed to smoke on the bus or on school grounds. The Clean Air Act of 1990, totally bans smoking in school buses with or without passengers. The School Board of the Kenosha Unified School District, bans smoking on all school property.*
3. *The driver shall not allow any articles to be transported within the bus body if there is or may be interference with pupils or driver, or if aisle, well, or steps are obstructed.*



The Kenosha Unified School District is an Equal Opportunity Educator/Employer with established policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability or handicap, sexual orientation, or political affiliation in any educational program, activity, or employment in the District. The Superintendent of Schools/designee (262-359-6320) addresses questions regarding student discrimination, and the Executive Director of Human Resources (262-359-6333) answers questions concerning staff discrimination.



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