

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Discipline/Procedure:

The following are regulations for all school bus passengers. In the event, these regulations set herein are not adhered; the consequence of being in violation of the Code of Conduct set forth in the East Providence Informational Student Handbook and the Transportation Policy V.A.11 of the School District Policies.

1. The bus driver is in full charge of the bus and all passengers will obey the driver's directions, and/or instructions;
2. Should the need for the monitors and aides to ride the bus, passengers will obey their direction and/or instructions as well;
3. Students shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times, unless permission has been granted by school authorities;
4. Except by written permission of school authorities and parents, no student will leave the bus until his/her stop;
5. Students should view the bus as an extension of the classroom, outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct will be obeyed on the school bus;
6. Students should assist in maintaining a clean bus and keeping all waste off the floor;
7. Students will refrain from throwing refuse out the window;
8. There is no eating or drinking on the bus at any time;
9. No person will smoke, or light matches on the bus;
10. There is no possession and/or consumption of alcohol on the school bus;
11. There is no possession of any controlled substance (with the exception of medical approval), on the school bus;
12. No person will extend his/her head, hand, arms, or legs out of the windows at any time regardless of whether or not the school bus is in motion or not;
13. No windows will be opened without the permission from the driver, aide or monitor;
14. All personal belongings will be kept out of the aisle and away from exit doors;
15. Large items, or other items not needed in the course of a regular school day, will need prior approval by school administration;
16. No passenger will speak to the driver more than necessary while the bus is in operation;
17. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion, and will not get off or on the bus until the bus comes to a complete stop;
18. Students need to exit the bus in an orderly manner, and obey all orders of the bus staff. When boarding or exiting the bus, students need to be in full view of the driver at all times. Crossing the road if applicable, can only be done after the buss staff gives direction to do so;
19. Students will not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus, and should arrive at the bus stop prior to bus arrival;
20. Self-discipline should be exercised by all students in the loading area, both at the bus stop and at school. There will be no pushing, or shoving-personal space shall be respected;
21. There will be no throwing of objects in, out, or at the school bus;
22. There will be no use of foul language at any time, by any passenger;
23. Parents/Guardians of students causing damage to the school bus will be responsible for proper reimbursement to the school bus contractor;
24. Student misconduct on any bus will be reported as follows:

First Offense: A verbal reprimand to the student;

Second Offense: A warning will be issued to the student, and a conduct report written out;
Third Offense: A letter, along with a copy of all conduct reports accumulated to date during the current school year will be sent home to the parent or guardian;
Fourth Offense: Suspension of five (5) school days from bus privileges, conference with School Administration, Contractor, parent and student; and
Fifth Offense: Suspension for the remainder of the school year.

Conduct reports are maintained from year to year and could be used in the decision process of suspension.

25. Students riding the bus through the Appeal process, and attend East Providence schools are subject to the aforementioned;
26. Students riding the bus through the Request for Transportation process and attend private, parochial or charter schools are subject to the guidelines 1-24 found herein.