

## 601 [^](#) BUS RULES

1. Passengers must be seated at all times when school bus is in motion.
2. The emergency exit (rear door) shall not be used except in emergencies.
3. Passengers must at all times keep their bodies or extensions of their bodies (arms, legs, head) completely within the school bus.
4. There shall be no loud or annoying noise which may distract the school bus driver's attention.
5. At the discretion of the bus driver, there shall be no consumption of food, gum, or beverages on the school bus.
6. No litter is to be left on school bus or thrown from the school bus. The bus driver will hold passengers responsible for cleaning up litter left by them.
7. No fighting or disturbances of any kind is permitted on the school bus.
8. No feet are allowed on seats or backrests.
9. Passenger seating is arranged by the bus driver.
10. Passengers or parents of passengers will be held responsible for damage done to the school bus.
11. Passengers shall enter the school bus by the front door only.
12. When the school bus has reached its destination and come to a complete stop, passengers shall leave the school bus by front door only.
13. Passengers are not to ride school busses other than the one to which they have been assigned. Exceptions will be considered (for after school birthday parties, etc.) if requests have been made at least one day prior to the event, and permission is granted by the bus driver. The regular bus driver must also be notified of this change.
14. Parents of passengers shall notify the bus driver of absentees of passengers prior to route departure.
15. All passengers are to be dressed to suit weather conditions (cold, rain, etc.).
16. The bus driver has the authority to enforce the rules of the bus. If a passenger persists in behaviour contrary to the rules and having been admonished, the bus driver will inform the Transportation Committee Convener, who in turn will confront the parents with the passenger's misbehaviour. If misbehaviour persists, the passenger will no longer be transported for the duration of one week, and the penalty may be increased for subsequent offenses as approved by the Board.
17. Some of the above rules were obtained from the Alberta *Highways Traffic Act* and can be enforced by law. If not adhered to by passengers, local law enforcements could levy a fine to the bus driver. This fine will become the responsibility of passengers or parents of a passenger who is the cause of this offense.

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