

**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
440 W JUDICIAL STREET  
BLACKFOOT, ID 83221**

-----  
**phone (208) 785-8857  
fax (208) 785-8853**

**STUDENT RULES OF BUS CONDUCT**

Some rules for behavior are listed below. These are not necessarily all inclusive but are representative of the types of behavior that are expected from students riding school buses.

1. Walking to and from and waiting at the bus stop –
  - A. Walk on the left facing oncoming traffic
  - B. Arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive, the school bus will not wait for students and will not return. Students must be out of their parent(s)/guardian(s) vehicle before the bus approaches the stop.
  - C. Wait in a safe place twelve (12) feet from the road side and in an orderly manner
  - D. Cross the road twelve (12) feet in front of the bus, and only when signaled by the driver
  - E. Do not jump up to hit or hang on the bus windows, do not run alongside or behind a bus, or attempt to hitch a ride via a bus bumper.
  
2. Loading and Unloading the bus –
  - A. Stay seated until the bus is completely stopped before attempting to load or unload.
  - B. Enter and exit the bus in an orderly manner
  - C. When entering the bus go directly to a seat, assigned or otherwise, district requires loading three to a seat, back to front in the morning and front to back in the afternoon, or as directed by the bus driver
  - D. Do not bring articles of a dangerous, objectionable, or illegal nature on the bus, such as:
    - Weapons or firearms
    - Laser pointers
    - Hazardous materials
    - Flammable items
    - Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs
    - Nuisance items
    - Large or bulk items
    - Live animals or insects (except animals trained to assist persons with handicaps), or shaving cream, eggs, glass containers and prank items.
  - E. Do not put items in the aisles or in front of the exits, (i.e., bags, instruments, feet, or legs).
  
3. Riding the bus –
  - A. Remain inside the bus at all times seated in an upright position against the bus seat back. (Bottom to Bottom, Back to Back)
  - B. Be respectful and follow the bus driver's requests, including sitting in an assigned seat.
  - C. Assault, willful attempt or threat to inflict injury upon a driver could result in loss of riding privileges.
  - D. Keep the bus clean and free of vandalism
  - E. Do not participate in inappropriate, distracting, illegal, unsafe or destructive behaviors or activities, such as by not limited to:

Loud and disruptive noise

Throwing objects in or out of the windows, or around the inside of the bus

Littering, lighting matches, spitting, using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs

Eating, drinking or chewing gum

Using profane language, sexual harassment, rude discourteous and annoying conduct towards others and the driver or their belongings, and

tampering with and destroying or defacing property.

Electronic Devices are Not Permitted when they cause a Nuisance, they must be put away at the Driver's request or they can be confiscated.

F. Ride only your assigned bus and get on and off only at your assigned bus stop. All students utilizing the school bus will ride all connecting buses until arriving at their designated school, students are not permitted to walk between schools.

Any exceptions will require a written note from a parent, signed by administration (applies to all grades)

G. Do not stand and/or face the back of the bus and keep the aisle clear of all objects.

Fighting, pushing, tripping, or scuffling types of behavior are prohibited at all times. Students are expected to behave in a manner that is orderly, safe and respectful of themselves and others.