

## **POLICY FOR STUDENTS RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS**

In keeping with the Chicago Public Schools transportation guidelines, implemented to ensure the safety of all students riding a bus, the privilege of any student to ride a school bus is conditional on their good behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations:

1. As the school bus is an extension of the school program, the bus driver is in full charge of the bus and the students.
2. Students must take the seats assigned to them by the driver. They may NOT change their seat once on the bus.
3. Students must stay in their seats and not stand, move around the aisles, or put their arms out of the windows. Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
4. Yelling, hitting, fighting or other poor behavior is not allowed.
5. NO eating or exchanging of food on the bus.
6. Students are to obey the driver, showing respect and courtesy at all times. Arguing or disrespect will NOT be tolerated.

**Any violations of the rules are reported to the office by the driver and the following actions will be taken:**

1. First offense - Parent/student conference.
2. Second offense - Parent/student conference.
3. Third offense –Loss of bussing privilege for 1 day.
4. Fourth offense – Loss of bussing privileges for 2 days.
5. **Fighting/Defacing School bus** - Loss of transportation privilege for 2 or more days.
6. If transportation privilege is lost, reimbursement for car fare **WILL NOT** be provided.

**To provide safe and prompt bus service, the following points should be stressed to your child/children:**

1. Students must be at their bus stop on time. The bus driver is not allowed to wait for students.
2. For their own safety, students are not allowed to play or run around at the bus stop. They must respect the property at the bus stop.
3. Students are required to board the bus immediately when it arrives at the school or bus stop.
4. Parents and/or students are not allowed to change bus stops or go home with other students.
5. Parent written bus notes are required in order for student to NOT ride the bus.