

Students**Bus Conduct**

Transportation to and from school is an accommodation provided to Region 10 students conditioned upon satisfactory behavior on the bus and at bus stops. Bus privileges will be taken away from students if their behavior is unsatisfactory, if they endanger other students either directly or by distracting the bus driver, if they endanger or harm property, or if they violate any Region 10 rules.

The following specific rules apply for the safety and protection of all students and drivers:

Students are expected to:

1. Be courteous to other students and respectful to the bus driver at all times;
2. Only ride the bus for their assigned route. If a regular alternate schedule needs to be arranged, parents/guardians must submit written notice to the school three weeks in advance;
3. Arrive promptly at their bus stops and wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board;
4. Wait for the driver to signal them when crossing the street in front of the bus;
5. Enter or leave the bus only at the front door except in cases of emergency;
6. File on and off bus in an orderly manner, with no rushing or pushing;
7. Immediately take a seat when they enter the bus and remain seated while the bus is en route. Kneeling and standing on seats are not allowed;
8. Keep arms and hands inside the bus and never out the windows. Windows are to be regulated under the supervision of the driver;
9. Help keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly and shall refrain from damaging or abusing the bus, its cushions or its equipment;
10. Always check to make sure they have not left personal belongings on the bus.

Students may NOT do any of the following:

1. Throw paper, hats, books, lunches, garbage or any other items while on the bus or near the bus or out the windows;
2. Engage in distracting behavior such as loud, excessive noise, unacceptable language -- including swearing and inappropriate conversations -- roughhousing, fighting, eating, drinking, chewing gum and smoking;
3. Use phones or iPods to take pictures or for filming purposes;
4. Carry, transfer, store or use weapons, illegal substances or articles of an injurious or objectionable nature;
5. Possess or use unauthorized drugs and/or drug paraphernalia, tobacco products or alcohol;
6. Leave the bus without permission of the driver or school authorities except at student's home or at the school; or
7. Violate any other Board policy or rule while using school transportation.

High School Students' Use of Middle School Buses

LSM students may ride the HBMS buses after school under the following conditions:

1. LSM students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the high school as approved by the Dean of Students.
2. LSM students must have an approved HBMS bus pass from their teacher for the academic, sport or club purpose. Passes will be collected on a daily basis and are only good for one day.
3. HBMS students get priority seating. An administrator will be notified if it appears there not enough room on the Middle School bus. The administrator will make a decision regarding room on the bus.
4. LSM students must sit in the seats directly behind the driver and are expected to make room for others.
5. LSM students are to act as positive role models for the HBMS students.

Violation of Bus Conduct Policy

Students violating these rules will be reported by the driver to the Dean of Students and/or school principal, who will, depending on the seriousness and/or frequency of the violations, notify the parents as to the child's behavior. In addition, the Dean or principal may suspend the student's riding privilege for a period of time, depending on the seriousness of the violations, and the parents will be notified. Other disciplinary consequences may also be applied.

High school students who violate the middle school bus procedures may lose the privilege of riding the HBMS buses as well as their assigned buses as determined by building administration.

Buses in Region #10 are equipped with video and audio taping equipment. These tapes may be reviewed by school administrators from time to time and for any reason. Please refer to Board Policy 3541.8 for more information about video surveillance.

Notification of this policy shall be part of the orientation program for parents of incoming Har-Bur Middle School Students.

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Region 10 Schools
Use of Har-Bur Middle School Buses by High School Students

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bus Transportation Code of Conduct

I have received and read Board Policy 5131.1 regarding bus conduct and the privilege of high school students riding Har-Bur Middle School buses after school. I understand the rules and procedures that govern student behavior on the bus. Furthermore, I have reviewed these requirements with my child(ren) and we understand that in order to ride the HBMS bus, he/she/they:

- Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing;
- Must have an approved HBMS bus pass from a teacher/coach for the day of the ride;
- Will only be able to ride the HBMS bus if there is available seating;
- Will sit in a seat directly behind the driver and make room for other students; and
- Will follow the bus conduct rules and act as a positive role model for the younger students.

Student Name(s), Signature(s)/Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature/Date

_____ Telephone _____
Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

_____ Grade _____ Bus Number _____
School