



## Transportation Bus Rules and Consequences District Summer Programs

Beaumont ISD's Department of Transportation is committed to begin and end each child's instructional day safely, orderly, and respectfully.

**Remember: riding a bus to school is a privilege that can be lost if students refuse to follow bus-riding expectations.** In addition, Texas Education Code Chapter 34 establishes safety standards for school buses used to transport students. Student behaviors that require the driver to divert his/her attention from the road place all students' safety at risk and will not be tolerated.

### Expectations

Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior while riding the bus (this includes the activity bus) and at bus stops. Bus riders are required to:

- Have a current/valid District issued student ID.
- Arrive at their assigned bus stop no more than 10 minutes prior to pick-up time, and be in a single line, ready to load the bus.
- Be respectful of people's property. No running through yards or in the street, climbing trees, littering, yelling or screaming, etc.
- Sit in their assigned seats and remain seated.
- Follow all directions of the driver.
- Show respect for the driver and other riders.
- Not eat or drink on the bus
- Keep all parts of their bodies inside the bus and out of the aisles.
- Speak in a "classroom" voice level, and use appropriate behavior and language.
- Do not fight, hit, use profanity, or tobacco or other prohibited items according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Drivers will make every effort to work with students to remind them of appropriate conduct, review rules/expectations, create and enforce a seating chart, and change seats prior to issuing a citation.

Students who leave school grounds without permission will not be allowed back on school property to ride the bus.

### Consequences

Zero tolerance will be applied for all infractions that distract or impede the bus driver's ability to safely transport students.

**The Bus Driver has complete authority over all students and power to enforce all rules and regulations. The Bus Driver has the same authority on the bus as teachers have in the classroom. His/Her directives are to be followed at all times to transport students safely, orderly, and reliably.**