



ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy and Guidelines Governing School Bus Students

The Rockwall Independent School district provides bus service (contracted through Durham School Services) to and from school for eligible students who reside in the school district. This service is provided at State and Local expense and is offered as a courtesy to eligible students who wish to avail themselves of the service. Conditions governing school bus operations are prescribed by the State. In meeting these conditions and assuring as near as possible the safe and prompt movement of students, the district has adopted standard regulations and procedures and has provided restrictive measures for violations of the rules. These rules are listed below for your information and for the guidance of your child.

1. Students will not carry or consume dangerous or disruptive articles onto the bus (e.g., weapons, fire devices, knives or other unsheathed pointed objects, animals, narcotics, alcohol, etc.)
2. Upon loading, students should move to an open or assigned seat and be seated; the driver has authority to assign seats.
3. Students will remain fully seated with feet on or toward the floor until the bus stops at the student's destination.
4. At no time will a student act toward or address comments to a bus driver in a disrespectful manner.
5. Students will not throw, pitch, or shoot articles within the bus or out the window.
6. Students will not write on, disfigure, or destroy any part of the school bus.
7. Students will not take or handle any emergency equipment.
8. Students will not extend any part of their body, clothing or other articles out of the bus window and will also keep the walkway aisle clear.
9. Students will not smoke or ignite any type of fire device.
10. Students will not eat or drink on the bus or litter on the bus, but instead they will assist in keeping it safe, clean and sanitary.
11. Students will refrain from engaging in any disruptive and or offensive behavior (e.g., fighting, scuffling, spitting, obscene, vulgar, profane language or actions, loud noises, etc.).
12. In case of an emergency or mechanical failure, all students will remain in the bus unless directed by the bus driver to do otherwise.
13. Students will never use the emergency door except in an emergency.
14. Students will be discharged from the bus only at the designated regular stop nearest their home.
15. Students will observe all behavior expectations outlined in the RISD Student Code of Conduct.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF SCHOOL BUS RULES

Students violating the above rules may have bus privileges immediately denied them at the discretion of the building principal. A parent may be required to meet with the principal and the bus driver before the student returns to the bus. All misbehavior is subject to the consequences outlined in the RISD Student Code of Conduct.

Questions and information can be found on our web page located at www.rockwallisd.com/students/general/student-support/transportation/. To receive bus service information, please join our Twitter account @RISDbus.