

BUS RULES

The following subsection outlines what is expected of students who ride the school bus to and from school:

The safety of students is a top priority, and misbehavior on a school bus will not be tolerated. It is imperative that students follow all bus rules/procedures for the safety of all children. If a child violates bus rules, resists bus procedures, poses a safety risk for him/herself and/or others, the following suspension policy will be followed. If a suspension has been assigned, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to bring their child to school and pick them up after school on time.

In order to insure student safety, school staff and the bus company will work cooperatively to establish safeguards, including, but not limited to establishing assigned seating, the use of a mounted video camera, and the notification of parents.

Because the driver must focus on driving the bus, it is necessary for students to be well behaved. Therefore, the following regulations shall be strictly enforced:

All students are under the supervision of the driver of the bus and/or the bus aide if one is present. The driver and/or bus aide will handle any behavioral concerns that occur while the bus is in route either to or from the school. The bus driver and/or bus aide is responsible for documenting any bus infractions.

When a student violates the bus policy, a written notification will be faxed to the Erie School District Transportation Office, First Student Transportation, and faxed to the Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School.

Rules of conduct on the Bus/Vans:

- No student shall throw any objects or substances in or around the bus.
- No student shall use loud or profane language in or around the bus.
- No student shall engage in pushing, fighting, or other unruly behavior in or around the bus.
- All students shall remain seated at all times while on the bus. Aisles must be kept clear.
- No student shall deliberately mark, deface or tamper with any part of the bus. The parent of that student will pay for any damages.
- All students will get off and on the bus at their assigned bus stop.
- No student shall eat or drink on the bus.

Bus behavior referrals will be handled on a quarterly basis in the following manner:

The first incident report will be considered warning and parents will be notified.

The second incident report will result in after-school detention and a parent meeting with Behavior support team. If a student does not attend the scheduled after-school detention, the student will receive a 1 day bus suspension.

Third and subsequent incidents in a quarter will result in a 3 day bus suspension.

In cases of severe incidents, suspensions may be given without warning if deemed appropriate by an administrative staff.

The bus suspension will be enforced for accumulation of referrals as set forth below. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide transportation to and from school. Students suspended from the bus must continue to attend school. Transportation problems will not be considered legal absences.

Additional referrals will be enforced on an individual basis and suspensions will be given at the discretion of the school administration and the bus company. Additional suspensions will be longer in duration and may result in permanent removal from riding the bus. School staff may also use videotape from the bus camera to determine suspensions or additional disciplinary actions.

Bus transportation in Pennsylvania is a privilege, not a right. It is our responsibility to insure the safety of students on the bus. Student's whose behavior interferes with the safe transport of other students will be excluded from the bus.