

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES

Consequences are subject to the seriousness of the offense. If, in the judgment of the Principal or Transportation Director, the violation is a major infraction of the bus rules, a student may be suspended from bus service on the very first violation.

Bus jumping and/or bus stop jumping may result in an automatic 10 day suspension with no written warning.

Elementary Students

- 1st Violation/Level 1: Written reprimand.
- 2nd Violation/Level 2: Written reprimand, 1-3 day suspension from bus, contact with parent, and written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 3rd Violation/Level 3: Written reprimand, 3- 5 day suspension from bus, contact with parent, and written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 4th Violation: Written reprimand, up to 10 day suspension from bus, contact with parent, and written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 5th Violation: Written reprimand, up to 10 day to permanent suspension from bus for remainder of school year.

Middle and High School Students

- 1st Violation/Level 1: Written reprimand and/or 5 day suspension from bus, contact with parent, written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 2nd Violation/Level 2: Written reprimand, 3-10 day suspension from bus, contact with parent, and written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 3rd Violation/Level 3: Written reprimand, 5 day to permanent suspension from bus for the remainder of the school year, contact with parent, and written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 4th Violation/Level 4: Written reprimand, up to 10 day to permanent suspension from bus for remainder of the school year, contact with parent, and written report sent home requiring parent signature.
- 5th Violation: Written reprimand, up to 10 day to permanent suspension from bus for remainder of school year.

Abbreviated Bus Rules

For

All Students

Romeo Community Schools

Transportation Department

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BUS RULES FOR STUDENTS

The following rules for student conduct related to transportation provided by the Romeo Community Schools are necessary to ensure the safety of all students and employees of the District. Therefore, all students are required to become familiar and to comply with these rules. Any violation of these rules may result in the suspension of transportation privileges for a period of time as determined by the appropriate administrator/bus driver in accordance with the Romeo Community Schools' guidelines.

If you have a complaint, please do not confront the driver while he/she is en route. Simply call the Transportation Department to resolve the problem. If you have any questions regarding the route, please call Romeo Community Schools Transportation Department at 586-752-0267.

REQUIRED STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Students must stay in their seats and in a sitting position when the bus is in motion. Switching seats is not permitted without driver's permission.
2. Students should leave their seats only after the bus has come to a complete stop.
3. Students will observe the following rules if it is necessary to cross the road after leaving the bus:
 - A. Make sure the bus is completely stopped.
 - B. On leaving, go to the front of the bus within sight of the driver.
 - C. On a signal from the driver, look both ways and, if safe, proceed across the highway in front of the bus.
 - D. Walk (do not run) in front of the bus when crossing the road.
4. Students who damage the bus in any way will pay for the damage and may be suspended from use of the bus until restitution is made.
5. Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and sanitary on the inside.
6. Students must be at their designated stop ten minutes before the bus arrives. After the driver turns off the flashing red lights, he/she may not pick up any more students at that stop. DRIVERS MAY NOT WAIT FOR TARDY STUDENTS.
7. Students are required to sit three to a seat when necessary.
8. Students boarding the bus will locate a seat, sit down, and stay in that seat until arriving at their destination.
9. Students should remember that the bus driver is not only responsible for his/her bus but has complete authority and responsibility to control the conduct of passengers while in transit. All students must follow the instructions of the driver. If at any time in the judgment of the driver, a student fails to follow instructions and becomes a violator of any of the bus rules, the driver will issue a written violation. The Transportation Director will have final authority on determining need and /or justification for suspension.
10. Students must have permission to ride a bus other than their own. A note signed by a parent and approved by the building administrator is required.
11. Students must not change bus stops without prior permission.
12. Students must not cross "no crossing allowed streets" as designated by RCS.

PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

- ✓ Students are prohibited to do anything that is detrimental to the health and safe transportation of all passengers and the driver.
- ✓ Students are prohibited to tease, threat, harass, or bully another student.
- ✓ Students are prohibited to throw objects on or out of the bus.
- ✓ Students are prohibited to hold on to or touch the outside of the bus.
- ✓ Students are prohibited to use tobacco, alcohol or narcotics in any form on the bus.
- ✓ Students will not mutilate or deface a bus in any manner.
- ✓ Students will not fight on the bus; keep hands and feet to themselves.
- ✓ Students will never use the emergency exits except in an emergency.
- ✓ Students are prohibited to use loud or profane language or make obscene gestures.
- ✓ Students shall not extend anything out of the windows at any time.
- ✓ Students will not tamper with any mechanism or switches on the bus.
- ✓ Students are prohibited to carry weapons of any nature aboard the bus.
- ✓ Students may not eat or drink on the bus.
- ✓ Students will not be allowed to bring anything, which cannot be held safely on their lap, on the bus.
- ✓ Students will not put down the windows without drivers permission.
- ✓ Students will not bring any animals on the bus.
- ✓ Students should not ask the driver to make a special unscheduled stop.
- ✓ Students will be assigned seats by the driver when necessary.
- ✓ Students should not move to board a bus until it is completely stopped, the door is open and it is safe to do so.
- ✓ Crossing students must wait for hand signal from driver.
- ✓ Students may not place objects of any kind near the driver or in the aisles.
- ✓ Students may not bring on the bus objects that can become a projectile or distraction, i.e. Skateboards, Rollerblades, Balls, Hockey Sticks, etc.