BUS RIDER RULES
Jenison Public Schools - Transportation Services

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. This administrative regulation supports our mission in providing optimum safety, care and professionalism for your bus rider. The student’s bus ride is managed as an extension of the classroom and bus riders must comply with this administrative regulation to maintain this expectation. The director of transportation and bus drivers will enforce these rules and this regulation in accordance with Board policy.

1. Students on the bus are under the supervision of the bus driver and will respect the bus driver and others around them.
2. **At the bus stop:** arrive at the designated location at least 5 minutes earlier than your scheduled pick up time. As you wait for the bus to arrive, respect others property. Do not walk in or cut through yards and do not be around the house where the stop is located. Do not approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the driver signals you to board the bus.
3. **Exiting the bus:** If it is necessary to cross, wait for the driver to signal that it’s safe to do so, check traffic in both directions as you cross, do not run.
4. A bus pass is required to exit the bus anywhere except your assigned stop.
5. Seats may be assigned by the driver as necessary.
6. Passengers of a school bus will be limited to assigned students, approved parents, and sponsors. If a driver does not recognize a student as a regular rider, the driver will call dispatch for instructions.
7. All passengers will remain seated and out of the aisle at ALL times.
8. Bullying, profanity, loud noises/conversations and verbal abuse to anyone on the bus will not be tolerated.
9. The use or possession of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol products is prohibited on the school bus. Weapons or explosive articles are prohibited on the bus, including but not limited to chains, bats, knives, razor blades, flammable materials, guns or other threatening items. Possession of any of these items by a student is cause for immediate removal from the bus.
10. Articles which obstruct the aisle, exits, or may cause a safety concern to the students will not be allowed on the bus. Glass containers or other glass items will not be allowed on the bus. The driver will make the determination if an item can be transported safely.
11. Do not damage the bus in anyway. This includes not puncturing / tearing the seats or writing on the seats.
12. Live animals are prohibited on a school bus with the exception of canine assistants for the impaired.
13. The student is responsible for security of his/her personal property. Personal property found on the bus will normally be placed in a “lost and found” area at the school they service. The driver is not responsible for items left on the bus.

14. Cellular phones and video games will not be used on the bus in a manner which causes a distraction to the driver. The driver has the option to confiscate these items to ensure safety of the riders. The item confiscated will be returned to the student when he/she departs the bus.

15. No eating and/or drinking on the bus. Students that have a medical condition that requires him/her to eat at scheduled times will be allowed to do so, but must notify the driver of the requirement.

16. A misconduct report may be sent to the parent/guardian upon violation of any bus rider rule. Students receiving a misconduct report can have riding privileges suspended for a period of one to ten days at the discretion of the director of transportation/school principal. Suspension of riding privileges for more than ten days will be determined by the director of transportation/school principal. The violation of these rules and the number of violations per an individual student will determine the time of suspension.