

# Pennsbury School District

## School Board Policy

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**Title:** Code of Conduct for Bus Passengers

**Purpose:** This policy sets forth the School Board's code of conduct, standards and guidelines for bus passengers.

**Policy:** School bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to maintain appropriate behavior before, during and after a bus trip, as outlined below.

### Previous to Loading

Students are requested to report to the designated school bus stop five minutes prior to scheduled stop.

Students must observe the following regulations.

1. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. No pushing or shoving while waiting.
2. Keep off lawns and respect private property surrounding the bus stop.
3. Keep noise to a minimum.
4. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus.
5. Line up in an orderly, single file manner. Do not push or shove to get on the bus.
6. Be courteous. Do not take advantage of younger children in order to get a seat.
7. Use the bus handrail and watch your step when boarding the bus.

### While On the Bus

Students must observe the following regulations.

1. Obey the driver promptly. Just as a teacher has full responsibility for his or her students, so does the bus driver for his or her passengers.
2. Observe rules that prohibit smoking and eating on the bus.
3. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.
4. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. Use the wastebasket for any refuse.
5. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
6. Treat bus equipment properly and with due care. Damage to the bus' interior including but not limited to seats, safety equipment, windows, etc. must be paid for by the offender.
7. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
8. Leave no books, lunches or other articles on the bus.
9. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.
10. Remain in the bus in case of road emergency unless directed to do otherwise by the bus driver.
11. Never throw anything out of the bus window.
12. Always remain in your seats while the bus is in motion.
13. Always be courteous to fellow students, the bus driver and to passers-by.
14. Keep absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad-crossing stop.

### After Leaving the Bus

Students must observe the following regulations.

1. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before exiting.
2. Close the bus' window, if open, before leaving your seats.
3. Cross the road at least ten feet in front of the bus but only after checking to be sure no traffic is approaching and/or after receiving a signal from the driver.
4. Do not attempt to retrieve any papers or personal items that may go under the bus.
5. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
6. Be alert to any prearranged danger signals from the driver.

### Extra-Curricular Activity Trips

1. The above rules and regulations will apply to any trip under school sponsorship.
2. Students must respect the wishes of the driver and chaperones appointed for the trip.

Parents will be notified if there is continuous misconduct on the bus. Bus passengers may be denied the privilege of riding.

If possible, parents are asked to inform the driver when a student will be absent for an extended period.

Passengers are not permitted to leave the bus at other than regular stops, unless proper authorization has been given in advance by school officials.

This Code of Conduct applies to all public, private and parochial school students riding on Pennsbury school buses or vans. A copy of this policy will be sent to each school at the beginning of each school year to be disseminated to the student by whatever means the school sees fit.

**Responsible  
Administrator:** Director of Transportation