

Scottsdale High School

Bus Code of Behaviour



Ratified by School Association
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This code of behaviour has been developed to maximise the safety and comfort of all people travelling on our school buses. Students who use our buses must agree to abide by this code of behaviour.

This code of behaviour is administered and overseen by the Scottsdale High School Bus Safety Committee which includes representatives of parents, school and bus contractors working together for student safety.

BUS DRIVERS are responsible for the safety and well-being of students carried on school buses. They must be able to drive without distraction. Consequently, the conduct and behaviour of students must be beyond reproach. Bus drivers report directly to their **CONTRACTORS** who liaise with the school over issues of concern.

BUS CAPTAINS are nominated by the bus driver in consultation with the Principal or delegate. The bus captain's role is to check attendance on the bus and to ensure that students board and alight in an orderly manner. The bus captain(s) become the driver's eyes in monitoring student behaviour when the bus is in transit.

PARENTS of bus children are responsible for making their children aware of this code of conduct and the need to adhere to it. It is also important that they encourage their child to come forward if the child has a concern on the bus.

Parents agree to:

- Deliver and collect their children on the same side of the road/highway as to which he or she boards/disembarks the bus.

Parents agree not to:

- Park on the opposite side of the road/highway to which the bus stops and wait there for their children to cross the road.

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STUDENTS travelling on school buses are required to adhere to normal standards of discipline and behaviour.

Students agree to:

- Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner
- If directed by the driver, occupy a particular seat
- Seat belts will be worn when fitted
- Sit properly on the seat
- Respect bus property and the property of others by not marking or damaging it
- Accept the driver is in charge and obey his or her instructions
- Place bags under the seat or in the storage areas provided
- Behave safely at all times
- Wait until the bus has moved off before attempting to cross the road.

Students agree not to:

- Physically or verbally harass other passengers, or the driver
- Create unnecessary noise
- Move about whilst the bus is in motion
- Extend any part of their body out of the windows
- Throw any object either inside or outside the bus
- Eat or drink whilst on the bus
- Distract the bus driver from his or her duties
- Carry illegal, oversize and/or dangerous objects
- Obstruct the aisle, doors or emergency exits
- Stand on or put feet on the seat
- Cross the road in front of the bus.

CONSEQUENCES OF BREACHING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

If the bus driver believes a child is breaking the rules outlined above, the following steps will be taken.

First time: The child will be advised that he or she has broken the rules. No further action will be taken if the child makes a commitment to abide by the rules in future.

Further breaches: Further breaches of the bus code will attract consequences as laid out in the DIER state-wide *Code of Behaviour for Passengers and Drivers of Contract School Bus Services*. Copies of this document are available from the school office if required. Students and parents should note that bus drivers have legal duty of care for students while they are travelling on the bus and that contractors have the right to apply a 5-day non-appealable suspension for students who repeatedly misbehave on their buses. Please remember that student behaviour on the buses is a crucial factor affecting their own safety and that of others. Poor behaviour will not be ignored or treated lightly.