

BUS REGULATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

It is the policy of the Old Orchard Beach School System to ensure safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation for students in the district. The Old Orchard Beach School System's responsibility is limited to the time a student is riding on the school bus and/or on school property (except field trips, athletic events, and other school-related activities). Students who come to school on the bus should return on the bus, and board and depart at the same bus stop, unless they have a note from their parents, signed by the principal or assistant principal. **Riding the school bus is a privilege.** Improper conduct or unsafe behavior on the buses will result in that privilege being denied. Only regularly scheduled bus students may ride the school buses. Once students are let off the bus in the morning, they must report directly to the playground area or to the cafeteria. Students are NOT allowed to leave the school grounds after getting off the bus.

CONDUCT OF STUDENTS BEFORE BOARDING THE BUS

Prior to loading (on the road and at school) students should

- be on time at the designated bus stop.
- stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
- conduct oneself in a safe manner while waiting for the bus.
- be courteous.
- wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board the bus.
- line up in an orderly, single-file manner to board the bus.

CONDUCT OF STUDENTS WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS

Students should

- take a seat quietly without disturbing others.
- remain seated until the bus is fully stopped.
- speak in a normal tone (Loud voices or yelling could momentarily divert the bus driver's attention and result in a serious accident.).
- follow the bus driver's seating and moving requests as promptly as possible
- be courteous to the bus driver, patrol officers, and fellow students.
- keep books, instruments, coats, and all other articles out of the aisles.
- move from one seat to another only by permission of the bus driver and at a time when the bus is not in motion.

Students should not do the following:

1. Eat food on the bus unless medically required and permission is given by the bus driver.
2. Extend hands, arms, heads or any other part of the body out of a bus window.
3. Throw any object in the bus or out of the bus windows.
4. Change seats while the bus is in motion.
5. Use indecent, profane, or inappropriate language.
6. Shout out the bus windows at people or passing vehicles.
7. Vandalize or tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.

CONDUCT OF STUDENTS WHEN LEAVING THE BUS

Students should do the following:

1. Cross the road when necessary, immediately after getting off the bus, at least 10 feet in front of the bus and only after looking to be sure that no traffic is approaching from either direction.
2. Help look after the safety and comfort of smaller children.

3. Be alert to danger signals from the driver.
4. Report directly to the waiting area, playground, or cafeteria once dismissed from the bus in the morning.

Students should not do the following:

1. Expect the bus driver to discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stops, at home or at school, unless by proper authorization from the parent and approval by a school administrator.
2. Loiter around the bus or run beside it when the bus is in motion.
3. Throw balls, paper, rocks, snowballs, or other objects while they are either on or off the school bus.
4. Challenge the authority of the bus driver while entering or leaving the bus.

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING OFFENDERS ON SCHOOL BUSES

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times while waiting for and riding the school bus. Students who conduct themselves in an inappropriate manner either through behavior, safety violations, or disobeying directions by the bus driver may lose their privilege to ride the school bus.

First Offense	Written warning that must be signed by the parent and returned to the school office within two school days
Second Offense	Phone call to parent at home or at work; written report to parents to be signed and returned to the school office within two school days; office detention
Third Offense	Three-day suspension of bus riding privileges; office detention; parent conference.
Fourth Offense	One-week suspension of bus riding privileges; required meeting with the student, parents, and the principal and/or assistant principal before bus privileges are resumed; office detention or suspension
Severe Clause	Depending on the severity of the infraction, a student may be removed from the bus indefinitely and referred to the Superintendent. The school administrator may skip steps depending on the individual case. Prior to the suspension, the building administrator will notify the parent or guardian, stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

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My son/daughter _____ and I have thoroughly read these Bus Regulations and Expectations for Loranger Midde School students. We understand that the values of Respect, Pride, and Responsibility that are encouraged within the school day are just as important while a student is on the bus. We will have frequent conversations about these expectations, and we promise to uphold them on our end. If we have any questions or concerns we know that we can contact an administrator at any time. Bus driver (please circle): Kris Becky Jim/Peggy

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date