

Whitney ISD

Transportation Guidelines

Students are reminded that the bus driver is in charge at all times. The safety of all students on the bus is a great responsibility; therefore, disruptive conduct on the bus will not be tolerated. Students should remain seated at all times and keep hands, feet and objects to themselves. Students who continually create disturbances will lose the privilege of riding the bus.

Students are under the same code of conduct aboard buses as in the classroom. Misbehavior while waiting for the bus (at school or the bus stop) will also result in disciplinary action. The bus driver should give a written discipline referral on all inappropriate student behaviors. The principal/assistant principal will take the appropriate disciplinary action on all referrals.

Bus Passes – All bus passes must be approved by the bus barn administrator or his/her designee. Parents may designate a child care facility or the residence of a grandparent instead of the child's residence if the location is on an approved route at an approved stop. Students may only have one designated pick up stop in the mornings and one designated drop off stop in the afternoon. Temporary bus passes will not be issued. Cut off time for issuing bus passes will be 2pm, if you are calling after 2pm, service will begin the next school day. For more information on bus routes, stops or passes, call the Bus Barn at 254-694-4121.

Students must:

- Follow the driver's directions at all times.
- Enter and leave the bus or vehicle in an orderly manner at the designated stop nearest home/campus.
- Keep feet, books, band instrument cases, and other objects out of the aisle.
- Not deface the bus/vehicle, or its equipment.
- Not put head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window, hold any object out of the window, or throw objects within or out of the bus/vehicle.
- Be seated at all times and if vehicle is equipped with seat belts, they must be fastened at all times.
- Please stay seated until the bus has come to a complete stop.
- Misconduct will be punished in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct; bus riding privileges may be suspended.
- Misbehavior while waiting for the bus (at school or the bus stop) may result in a child being suspended from riding the bus.

Consequences of Violation of Bus Conduct Rules

1st Violation: A bus conduct report is written by the driver and turned into the school principal/assistant principal. A student-principal conference will be held.

2nd Violation: The bus conduct report is turned into the principal/assistant principal. The parents will be contacted by phone (or by mail if unavailable) and a student-principal conference will be held.

3rd Violation: The bus conduct report is turned into the school principal/assistant principal. The student is suspended from riding the bus for one week (5 school days). The parent is notified and must come to the school for a conference before the student's riding privileges are re-instated.

4th Violation: The bus conduct report is turned into the school principal/assistant principal. The student is suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the semester, or a minimum of 20 days. The parents are notified and are responsible for getting the student to and from school.

5th Violation: The bus conduct report is turned into the school principal/assistant principal and the student is suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year. The parents are notified and are responsible for getting the student to and from school.

At the discretion of the principal or his/her designee, any serious misconduct may be treated as a 4th or 5th violation, which will result in suspension from riding the bus for the remainder of the semester or school year.

Video monitoring cameras may be used on Whitney ISD buses while transporting students.

Students are expected to assist District staff in ensuring that buses remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely.

Same rules apply to All District Vehicles.