

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUS MARION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

It is a well-documented fact that school buses provide the safest form of transportation for students to and from school. At MARION I.S.D., we invest both time and financial resources to keep our bus fleet in a well maintained and safe operating condition and we selectively hire and train qualified individuals to drive our buses.

We believe that the transportation service we provide is vital in assisting parents to meet their busy commitments. It helps our school district qualify for additional state funding, which might be lost if students did not have a reliable way of getting to school. It also reduces the amount of traffic on our congested streets.

We strive to make the transportation operation as safe as possible. Students and parents play a major role in the safety of the operation. We are convinced that good student behavior on school buses is an essential ingredient in maintaining a safe operation. The Student Code of Conduct on School Buses is a statement of bus safety rules and procedures, which must be followed by students whenever they ride the bus. Students who endanger themselves or others will be held accountable. They are subject to a loss of bus riding privileges, when warranted.

### BUS SAFETY RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) Cooperate with the bus driver at all times. Do not argue or show disrespect.
- 2) Be courteous to other students and adults.
- 3) Observe classroom conduct and keep noise to a minimum.
- 4) Use only appropriate language. Profanity is not allowed.
- 5) Refrain from making unacceptable gestures.
- 6) State law requires that students stay seated on the bus.
- 7) Keep feet and other parts of your body out of the aisle.
- 8) Never throw anything inside the bus or out of the bus window.
- 9) Help keep the bus clean. Place trash in the appropriate container on the bus.
- 10) Flammable materials are not permitted on the bus.
- 11) Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, drugs, cigarette lighters, matches, etc. are not allowed on the bus.
- 12) Knives or weapons of any kind can not be carried on the bus.
- 13) Skate boards are not permitted.
- 14) Any other item which may cause a safety problem is not allowed on the bus.
- 15) Keep all parts of your body inside the bus at all times.
- 16) Keep your hands to yourself. Do not bother other passengers or their property.
- 17) Threats, hitting, fighting, pushing, or shoving anyone on the bus is not allowed.
- 18) Physical intimidation (bullying) and sexual harassment can not be tolerated. Let the bus driver know immediately if this occurs, even if you are not directly involved.
- 19) Students may not tamper with or damage the bus or associated equipment.
- 20) Students may not open the rear or side emergency doors unless instructed by the bus driver.
- 21) It is unlawful for ANYONE to interfere with the operation of a school bus.

All of us in the Transportation Department want the bus-riding experience to be as safe and pleasant as possible for both students and drivers. We ask for your help in making that happen. I want to thank both students and parents for their cooperation and support.

Director of Transportation