

WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BUS EXPECTATIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a transportation department, safety is our first priority. Below, you will find the guidelines that every child who uses Waverly Transportation is expected to follow. The cooperation and courtesy of your child following these expectations will permit us to better serve all students. Family members, please take time to read and discuss the expected behaviors with your child(ren) so that they know what will keep the bus driver free from distractions and make the ride enjoyable for everyone.

- Please remember, the bus driver is in charge. Students are expected to cooperate and follow the driver's directions.
- Occupy any seat assigned by the driver. The bus aisle must be clear at all times. Keep feet out of the aisles, off seats, and off backs of seats.
- Students are expected to be visible at the scheduled bus stop five minutes before the scheduled stop time. This is important because if you are late, everyone on the bus will be late.
- While waiting for the bus, please remain ten steps back from the designated stop. Wait to load until the bus door is completely open and the driver signals. Be patient, board one student at a time please.
- For everyone's safety, only cross in FRONT of the bus when crossing the road or highway; because the driver cannot see you and to keep students safe, crossing behind the bus is not allowed.
- Remain in your seat and in a sitting position when the bus is in motion.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off the bus. Leave the bus only with the consent of the driver.
- Due to the liability and for the safety of your child(ren) once your student is on the school bus, the bus driver will not release any students prior to the intended bus stop without prior approval of the Transportation Supervisor.
- Sit upright and keep head, arms, and hands inside the bus at all times.
- Demonstrate classroom conduct while on the bus. Please avoid unnecessary disturbing noises because they are distracting to the driver and the driver should not be distracted while the bus is in motion. Do not shout or gesture at passing persons or vehicles.
- Remain silent while crossing railroad tracks.
- Be courteous! Students should use kind language when talking with others. Students should also be respectful of the personal space of others, keeping all hands and feet to themselves.
- Eating, consuming candy, or gum chewing is not allowed on the bus.

- Electronic devices are a privilege---not a right. Inappropriate use may result in loss of that privilege: no video recording, sound recording, or picture taking will be allowed; sounds must be muted or turned off; and drivers shall remove a device that is not being used appropriately.

- Be responsible of bus property. All items/school supplies should stay in the backpack/bag while on the bus. Keep the backpack/bag on your lap, including band instruments: large

or fragile items are not appropriate for bus transportation; balls need to be in a bag or container.

For students who struggle to follow the expectations please note:

- A student who violates the bus rules may receive a written warning.
- A student who continues to violate the bus rules may be suspended from the bus for a period of time.
- A student who is persistently disobedient on the bus may lose the privilege of riding the bus.

Regarding Bus Stops

There are many factors taken into consideration when deciding the placement of school bus stops. The primary concern is visibility of the bus to other traffic and the consideration of stopping distances necessary for other motor vehicles to accomplish safe loading and unloading of the children. Also, the lights on a school bus which are used to notify other traffic of an upcoming stop must, by law, be activated 200 feet from the stop. Thus, bus stops must be at least 200 feet apart. These considerations determine the location of bus stops when creating routes for Waverly students.

Sincerely,

Mashaun Trossel

Transportation Supervisor

Waverly Transportation Department reminds parents and students to expect some "fine tuning" and/or rerouting during the first few weeks of school as more students are added to and/or some students are dropped from existing bus routes. This causes the times to fluctuate the first few weeks of school.

Please call our Transportation Department, at (517) 321-1088 with any questions regarding the bus schedule.