

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND CONDUCT RULES

Springfield Public School, along with Richert's Bus Service wishes to inform you of the following School Bus Safety Rules. According to Minnesota Law and the Springfield Board of Education Policy, riding the school bus is a privilege. Continued or serious misbehavior is a danger to the safety of all bus riders and can be cause for loss of bus riding privileges and even suspension from school.

1. Load and unload buses only when stopped.
2. Remain seated when the bus is in motion.
3. You may talk to the driver when the bus is not moving.
4. Know all bus emergency exits and procedures.
5. Use inside voices when talking on the bus.
6. Listen and follow directions given by the driver.
7. Show respect to the bus driver, other passengers and the bus.
8. Profanity, suggestive language, throwing objects in bus or out of window or hanging out the window **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
9. Bus aisles must be kept free.
10. No person may walk in back of the bus when it is loading or unloading.
11. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats.
12. Students may stay 10 feet away from the bus on all four sides.
13. Students may have food and beverages on the bus providing wrappers and containers are disposed of properly.
14. If abuse of rules occurs, offending individuals will be punished through payment of damages or suspended.
15. Drivers will make every attempt to be on schedule to promote safety.
16. According to school district policy, no weapons will be permitted on school buses.
17. According to school district policy, clothing bearing messages of violence, alcohol, drugs or of sexual nature may not be worn.
18. For the safety of all: a) avoid horseplay; b) avoid distracting the driver; c) respect all riders
19. When entering or exiting the bus: a) line up in an orderly manner; b) avoid horseplay; c) remain outside the bus safety zone -- if you can touch the bus, you are too close.
20. School district policy, regarding the following, apply: a) tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances; b) the use of profanity; c) harassment of any kind
21. Generally, the same behavior is expected of the school bus rider as that which is expected of the student in the classroom.
22. No nuisance articles are allowed.
23. All students will be instructed in proper bus safety.