

REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS RIDING BUSES

Bus transportation for students enrolled in the school district is one of the requirements set forth by the Iowa Department of Education. In complying with this requirement, the Board is authorized to establish policies and regulations that will ensure safe transportation for all students.

Although the law requires the district to provide transportation, it does not relieve parents from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Nor does it relieve students from the responsibility to behave in an orderly manner on the bus. School bus transportation is a privilege that can be taken away any time a student's conduct is considered bad enough to jeopardize the safety of the other passengers. The right to safe transportation will not be taken from the entire busload of students because a few of them disobey the rules.

Those students of flagrant, repeated, or gross disobedience or misconduct on school buses are subject to suspension with the guidelines of the district's Student Suspension Policy. Continued violation of bus rules will be considered sufficient cause for refusing to transport the student(s) involved and may lead to suspension from school, depending upon the seriousness of the matter.

In case of a rule infraction, the bus driver will try to resolve the problem without recommending suspension of the pupil from transportation services. However, if the student persists in disorderly behavior, the driver will suspend the student from transportation privileges for a time period not to exceed three days. Should disorderly behavior continue, another three-day suspension from riding privileges may be issued, and the parent, the bus driver and the building principal will meet to discuss the problem. Should a third, or subsequent suspension be necessary a 10-day suspension may result and the student will not be reinstated without a Board of Education hearing and approval. A serious infraction may result in immediate removal from the bus. Drivers will turn in a report of any incidents causing such suspensions to the principal of that student, and parents will be notified,

The North Mahaska Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on the school buses to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding for other matters as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

PASSING BUSES

It is both dangerous and illegal to pass a school bus when its yellow light or red lights are flashing and particularly when the stop sign is extended. Meeting a bus with the amber lights flashing means a driver should slow to 20 mph and be prepared to stop. Violators need to have their license number identified along with the time and place of the infraction to be delivered a ticket for the offense.

BUS ROUTES

***2023/2024 Bus Routes will be determined and distributed closer to the start of school