



Bus Discipline

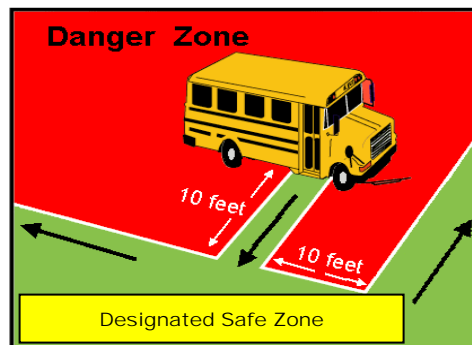
Student behavior, that distracts the driver, is a hazard to the safe operation of the school bus and jeopardizes the safety and welfare of all passengers and the driver.

The driver is the person in charge of maintaining behavior on the bus.

Our drivers will be consistent with the application of all rules, deal with inappropriate behavior in a respectful manner, work with misbehaving students one on one, and may request an informal meeting with the student, administrator and parent prior to a formal referral to a building administrator.

FORMAL REFERRAL PROCESS:

- A. Driver fills out referral form.
- B. Driver submits referral form.
- C. Administrator investigates, makes decision, assigns consequence and processes the referral form.



Where is the Danger Zone?

The **danger zone** for a school bus is the area 10 feet around the bus.

The **two most dangerous places** are:

- The front of the bus
- The right rear tire area

Please talk to your child about the following safety rules:

- Avoid the danger zone around the bus.
- Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus. The driver might not see you.
- Remember that some motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus.
- Be careful whenever getting on or off the bus.
- Please stand still at the bus stop.



Parents and guardians are encouraged to accompany elementary-age students to and from the bus stop.

Fairfield City Schools



School Bus Tips for Everyone



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School Bus Safety Tips for Everyone!

For Students:

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early. Wait in your “designated place of safety” (10 feet away from the bus).
- While waiting, respect other individuals, their possessions, and surrounding property. Improper behavior at the bus stop will not be tolerated. Stand still as the bus arrives.
- The district’s responsibility begins when students board the bus and ends, in the afternoon, when the bus departs the stop. It is recommended that elementary students be accompanied by parents/guardians to the bus stop.
- If you must cross the street to be picked up or dropped off, obey the driver’s hand signal and cross 10 feet in front of the bus.

- Enter the bus calmly, sit in assigned seat and remain seated **at all times**.
- Do not eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus.
- Throwing objects on the bus and into or out of the bus is prohibited. All garbage should be deposited in the trash can.
- Windows and vents shall not be adjusted without permission of the driver.
- Observe the Fairfield City Schools Student Code of Conduct. Students should conduct themselves in the same manner as the classroom.

For Parents:

Parents should read and discuss the school bus information, in this brochure with their children and explain that the rules are written for the safety of everyone on the bus.

Q&A



Does my child’s babysitter or day-care have to be in the same school attendance area as our residence in order to receive bus transportation?

Yes, the babysitter’s home or day-care does have to be in the same elementary school area as your residence for bus transportation. Unfortunately, we don’t have enough buses and drivers to take students from one school area to another.



Can I have different pick-up and drop-off arrangements on different days of the week?

No, the safety of the students could be compromised. For that reason, we require the pick-up and drop-off arrangements are the same every day the student rides the bus.



Suppose one day my child is planning to take the bus home but then something comes up and I need to pick him/her up after school. How can I let the school know?

Please call the school, as early as possible, and we will tell your child not to take the bus but instead to wait for you to arrive. You can then pick up your child at dismissal time. You will be asked for photo identification to ensure your child’s safety.



Who do I call if I have other questions?

Please feel free to call our Transportation Department at 829-6603. We are open year round.