

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Garden City Public School busses will soon be picking up students for the coming school year, a tentative schedule has been set up. It may be necessary to make a few minor changes after the busses have been in operation for a few weeks. **Students may ride busses to and from school, for sporting events, or field trips.**

Students are reminded that riding the school bus is a privilege. All students do not have this privilege.

Students may retain their privilege to ride busses only if they behave and obey the bus driver(s). A school bus driver has complete charge of his bus and may recommend discipline of students who are loud, boisterous, rude or those displaying other unacceptable behavior. A building principal or the transportation supervisor may suspend a student from the bus for the remainder of the school year or for any other stated period of time for gross misbehavior such as including but not limited to smoking, damage to the bus, causing the driver (s) repeated trouble, etc. **If you damage a bus you will be held responsible for the cost of the repairs.**

Transportation of special education students may be arranged through the Special Services Department (734) 762-6372.

Transportation to and from school will be provided to students who have physical handicaps, which interfere with their being able to walk, and who are not otherwise eligible for bus transportation. Parents may request this transportation on forms available at the transportation office, please call first, (734) 762-8325. A physician must complete the form and return it to the transportation office. A note from a physician WILL NOT be honored. Each year a new form must be filled out.

The following page outlines the responsibilities of bus passengers. Please take time to review the rules with your child(ren).

Transportation Rules

Please remember that it is a privilege to ride the school bus. Students abusing this privilege will have it taken away.

A student may be given a “Bus Misconduct Report” for violation of any of the following rules; this could result in the student being suspended from the bus. Please review these policies with your child.

1. Only eligible students possessing a valid bus pass may ride the bus.
2. Do not give you bus pass to another student to use.
3. The drive is in full charge of the bus and students. **STUDENTS MUST OBEY THE DRIVER.** If you are referred to the school administrator for discipline, you may be refused transportation.
4. Obey the safety patrol.
5. Arrive at the bus stop 7 (seven) minutes prior to pick up time. Busses will leave at the pick up time whether all students have arrived at the stop or not.
6. Do not stand in the road while waiting for the bus.
7. Wait at the bus stop in an orderly manner. Line up to board the bus. Do not push and shove other students.
8. Do not talk to the driver while he is driving unless it is absolutely necessary. The driver needs to keep his attention on the road.
9. Remain quiet at all intersections and railroad crossings. The driver needs to be able to see, hear and concentrate at these points.
10. Do not throw garbage, including paper onto the bus floor. Do not throw anything out the window. Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited.
11. At pick up points where safeties are not used, if it is necessary for students to cross the road the driver will check for traffic and then motion for you to cross to the bus. You need to promptly obey the driver.
12. When leaving the bus, follow the directions of the driver and safeties.
13. Do not put your hands/head etc out the window.
14. You are responsible for damage done to the bus. If you see someone else destroying bus property please let the driver know. Students doing damage to a bus will e responsible for the cost of the repair.
15. **State Law:** NO ONE (other than the driver) is allowed in front of the safety bar. Drivers will not move the bus until all students are seated.
16. Students caught throwing objects out the window at other vehicles or people will be prosecuted. Bus privileges will be taken away.
17. Students may not use laser pointers on the bus. Laser pointers will be confiscated.
18. Follow all rules posted in the bus.