

ZILLAH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
BUS RULES 2013-2014

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bus # \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that all students conduct themselves in a safe manner on or near the school bus. We would like your assistance in making sure your child understands the expectations for riding the school bus and the discipline procedures should a problem arise.

**RULES:**

1. Driver is in charge of bus & passengers at all times.
2. Stop, Look, Listen & Cross **only in front of bus** at the driver's signal.
3. Avoid pushing, shoving, playing in the roadway while waiting for the bus. Stand back from the curb at a safe distance.
4. Keep all body parts inside windows.
5. Stay seated while bus is moving.
6. Talk quietly and be courteous to all. The use of profane language will not be tolerated.
7. Help keep the bus clean and aisles clear.
8. Eating or drinking on the bus is an unsafe practice.
9. Respect the property of others. Destructive behavior will not be tolerated.
10. Smoking or use of any tobacco, alcohol or drug related products are prohibited on the bus.
11. Weapons or other objectionable objects are not permitted on the bus.
12. Glass, balloons and other breakable items are not allowed on the bus.
13. Emergency procedure drills will be conducted on routes 3 times per school year and prior to field or extra-curricular trips.

If a student fails to observe these rules, the bus driver will attempt to work the problem out with the student. The transportation supervisor or principal may be alerted for assistance.

If the problem continues, the driver will write a behavior report. The consequence may be assigned seating on the bus and/or in school penalty. A parent contact will be made by phone or in writing.

If a second offense occurs, the driver will write a behavior report. The consequence may be a short-term (1-3 days) suspension of riding privileges. There will be a meeting with parents, student, driver, principal and/or supervisor to establish a behavior contract.

In the case of a third offense, the driver will write a behavior report. The consequence may be a long-term suspension of riding privileges for 2 weeks, semester, or rest of the school year. Parent will be notified by phone and/or in writing.

Consequences may vary depending on the severity of the problem and the cooperation of the student. In a very severe, unsafe or life threatening situation any or all steps may be eliminated.

Please discuss the above issues with your child(ren) to help them understand the importance of safety on the bus. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our department at 829-5911.

**PARENT/STUDENT PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN TO THE BUS DRIVER**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_