

Bath Local Schools Transportation Responsibilities

- A. Drivers will use the established routes and make only designated stops. The driver may vary this in case of an emergency or re-routing due to a train. Stops may be changed throughout the year due to changes in student residence. According to Ohio School Law 22.22, bus stops may be up to one-half mile from a student's home.
- B. ***Students have the responsibility to be at the designated bus stop prior to the scheduled pick-up time.*** According to the Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-08, "Pupils shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive. The driver is to keep to a time schedule as closely as possible. Students are required to be at the "Place of Safety" **FIVE MINUTES** prior to the arrival time of the bus.
- C. In accordance with State law when students arrive at their afternoon bus stop, they are to walk to their 'designated place of safety,' as assigned by the bus driver and remain there until the driver has accounted for all students and the bus has safely pulled away. Students are to look for the lights on the back of the bus.
- D. NO student is allowed to leave the bus at any stop other than the student's regular assigned bus stop. No Bus Passes are permitted.
- E. Parents will be responsible for any damage or vandalism done to the bus by their children and will be required to pay for such damages.
- F. No animals are permitted on a bus at any time.
- G. Bus Conduct Responsibilities:
 - 1. Loud talk, yelling, profanity, and/or exhibiting obscene gestures are not permitted.
 - 2. Eating and/or drinking on the bus is not permitted. No candy or gum is allowed on the bus.
 - 3. Pushing or crowding is not permitted. A student shall not act or behave in such a way as to cause physical injury to any other person.
 - 4. Windows are to be opened only with permission of the bus driver. Students are to keep their head and arms inside the bus. Throwing things in or out of the bus is prohibited.
 - 5. Students are to conduct themselves in an orderly manner at bus stops.
 - 6. According to State law, NO noise or talking is permitted at all railroad crossings.
 - 7. Students must sit in assigned seats only. Students must keep aisles clear of all objects, i.e. book bags, instruments, and feet. Students must sit forward with their feet in front of them and their back against the seat back.
- H. Discipline of Students - District policies are designed to ensure the safety and welfare of all school bus passengers.
 - 1. The school bus driver is charged with the authority and responsibility to maintain control of the students on the bus. Students who do not follow the rules or directions of the driver will be disciplined in accordance with district policies, state regulations, and revised code. Students who violate any criminal law will be referred to the proper legal authorities as well as being dealt with at the school.
 - 2. Administrators are authorized to suspend pupils from bus riding privileges for up to ten days. Expulsion of a pupil from bus riding privileges shall be by the Superintendent.
 - 3. Parents will be notified of a discipline incident and if deemed necessary by the Administration, will be requested to attend a parent conference.
 - 4. The Bath Code of Discipline for all buildings applies to all students while riding a school bus and at the bus stop.
- I. Students should be careful:
 - 1. Wait at the designated bus stop until the bus is stopped completely and the driver has given the proper hand signal before approaching the bus or crossing the road. Cross at least ten feet in front of the bus and look both ways before crossing the road.
 - 2. All students will participate in emergency evacuation drills.
 - 3. Students are to take their seat as soon as possible and stay seated.