

Edgefield County School District Transportation Responsibilities and Rules

Parent Initial	Policy
	<p style="text-align: center;">Parental Responsibility</p> <p>It has been a longstanding policy of the Transportation Department of the Edgefield County School District to require that students in grades 4K, 5K, 1st grade, and 2nd grade only be released from the supervision of the bus drivers to a parent, adult guardian, or older siblings. If a parent, adult guardian, or older sibling is not visually present at the bus stop, the driver is required to return the student to the school and the supervision of an administrator. On the third offense the student will be suspended from the bus for the remainder of the semester.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Bus Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Students are to be courteous with no profane language. × Keep the bus clean. × Cooperate with the driver. × No tobacco products. × Any destruction of school property/bus will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pay for damages. × Keep hands, feet, head and head inside the bus at all times. The aisle of the bus must remain free of books and other objects. × No running, crowding, shoving, or pushing around the school bus. × Bus drivers are authorized to assign seats. × Students removed from the bus are parent's/guardian's responsibility to be picked up at home school. × The driver of a school bus is in complete charge of the passengers while they are aboard the bus and should be given the same respect as a classroom teacher. Complaints against a driver should be directed to the transportation office. × School buses operate on a very tight schedule; students should arrive at the bus stop fifteen minutes ahead of the bus. Each student should be on time – bus drivers will not wait for those who are late unless it's during inclement weather. × Students are prohibited from bringing the following items on the bus: animals, food/drinks, glass containers, weapons, balloons, oversize items including band instruments which obstruct the driver's view, block the aisle or exits, or displace a student from a seat, radios/tape players/cd players/mp 3 players/iPods, or similar devices are not permitted. If a bus driver should discover a student playing one of these devices, they are required to submit a disciplinary notice to the appropriate school official. × Students can only switch from their assigned bus with a Request for Change in Bus Transportation Form from a parent/guardian. The school principal and the transportation supervisor will evaluate each request. If parents request a drop off other than the normal stop, they must make this request by filling out a Change in Transportation Request Form. The new stop location must be within the child's assigned school zone and be on a space available basis.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Discipline Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School bus drivers will notify parents of rules infraction. 2. After two notifications of student infractions by the bus driver, the bus driver will give a student referral to the school administrator in charge of transportation. 3. After the school administrator in charge of transportation has exhausted all school transportation regulations, students could be suspended off the bus for the remainder of the school year.