

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BUS RULES & REGULATIONS
(Updated August 1, 2017)

1. The number of pupils who may ride a school bus is determined by the total number who can be seated. Buses are designed to seat three students per seat. Bus routes with large numbers of students on that route can be assigned three-to-a-seat. Transportation Requests will be denied before assigning a student to a route who does not live on that route.
2. Students are to be at their bus stops TEN MINUTES PRIOR to their estimated morning pick up time.
3. Parents must be at the bus stop PRIOR TO THE BUS ARRIVING in the afternoons to receive Preschool – 2nd grade students. Drivers are NOT allowed to release Preschool – 2nd grade students with an adult at the stop who has permission to receive them, unless they have a sibling on the bus that is in 3rd grade or above.

Since many things can cause an afternoon drop off time to fluctuate, parents need to be ready to receive students immediately following the elementary 3:30 dismissal time.

4. The bus driver is the only person who is permitted to open and close the entrance door.
5. No object shall be placed in the bus that will restrict passageway to entrance or emergency door.
6. All students are under the jurisdiction of the driver while they are on a school bus. Drivers have the same authority as a teacher in the classroom.
7. On entering the bus, students are to go directly to their seat. Students are to sit facing forward and remain in that seat unless asked to move by the driver, until they leave the bus. Moving from seat to seat is not permitted.
8. Students are to keep the aisle of the bus clear at all times.
9. At no time will students be allowed to stick their head, hands, arms, etc., out of the open windows.
10. Misconduct such as: fighting, yelling, profanity, or conduct this is distracting to the driver will not be tolerated.
11. No drugs, alcohol or tobacco products are permitted.
12. No canned or bottled drinks of any kind are permitted.
13. No objects are to be thrown on the or out any bus windows.
14. Students are not permitted to eat on buses.
15. Students are expected to keep the bus clean and not leave any trash on the bus.

16. Posters, stickers, or advertising material of any kind are prohibited in or on school buses.
17. Students in secondary schools are to follow cell phone use procedures. No calls, records or sounds are aloud. ONE earbud is allowed. NO HEADPHONES.
18. Elementary students are not allowed to use electronic devices on school buses.
19. All students are expected to ride the bus that picks them up at the assigned stop.
20. Students are not permitted to get off at stops other than their own, unless they present a bus pass to the driver.
21. Any student found guilty of destroying any part of a school bus will be made to pay for the damage and is subject to suspension.
22. Any student who does not abide by the rules stated above will be disciplined or suspended from riding the bus. **Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right.**
23. Students are not permitted to bring radios, tape players, boom boxes or other musical instruments on buses. If they do, the article will be confiscated and turned over to the administrator at the student's school, who will hold it until a parent picks it up.
24. Students are not permitted to carry large items, large bags, luggage-type book carriers, etc. on the bus. Buses are full. Most all buses have two students-to-a-seat, and some have three students in many seats. They cannot accommodate large bags of any type (i.e., sports bags, band instruments, projects, posters, etc.)
25. On mornings when the district has inclement weather, parents and students can expect late buses. Delayed openings and closure announcements are posted on the district Web site, www.pgs.k12.va.us when possible.
26. No pets will be allowed on the bus.
27. No buying or selling will be permitted on buses.
28. Parents should notify the Transportation Department if a child has a history of seizures, uncontrolled bleeding, or other medical problems
29. Students are not to transport medication by bus that is to be taken at school. Parents should carry the medication to school for the student.

Failure to follow the bus rules will result in disciplinary action by Administrators.

Punishment may include suspension from riding the bus. Serious infractions/offenses may result in suspension from school as well.