Student(s) crossing a road, please follow these directions.

Students should stop
  - before the roadway in the morning
  - at the front of the bus in the afternoon

Wait for a signal from the driver
  - to enter the roadway in front of the bus in the morning
  - to cross the other lane in the afternoon

Obey the signal from the bus driver
Obey the Loading and Unloading Guidelines
  - Every morning
  - Every afternoon
  - Every day
  - Every morning
  - Every afternoon
  - Every day

It is illegal for a student to cross a road or street at a bus stop who has not been directed to do so by that student’s bus driver or school official. Parents should supervise their child/children at the bus stop both morning and afternoon.

Tattnall County School System
Transportation Department
912-557-8916
Bus Rules for 2019-2020

Students and Parents Please keep this for your future reference.

Productive
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to self and inside the bus

Respectful
- Follow all instructions given by driver
- Use appropriate language
- Protect school property

Involved
- Use low voice
- Stay seated with feet on the floor and book bag in lap
- Enter and exit bus in orderly fashion

Dependable
- Arrive at bus stop 5 minutes before scheduled time
- Remain in assigned seat
- Put all food and drink away
- Remain quiet at railroad crossings

Excellent
- Follow all school and board policies outlined in the student handbook.

* Disciplinary actions will follow the guidelines in the student handbook and the Georgia Official Code of Law and will be implemented by the administrator at your school.

Georgia Code 20-2-1181:
It shall be unlawful for any person to disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop as designated by local school boards of education. Any person violating this code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.
Tattnall County School Bus Behavior Contract

Riding the school bus is a privilege for students, and maintaining proper behavior while on the bus is expected in order to protect the safety of all students. Getting the students to school and home safely is our top priority.

TATTNALL COUNTY BUS DISCIPLINE

As defined by code section 20-2-1181, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop as designated by local school boards of education. Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Unruly behavior on the school bus is failure to comply with the following rules established for the use of school transportation.

Bus behavior is governed by the same rules stated in this handbook for behavior on school grounds or at school functions.

Students are expected to follow school rules while riding the bus and while on the bus. Loud disruptive behavior, being out of assigned seats, and not following directives of bus drivers is prohibited.

In addition to the school rules set forth in this handbook, students are expected to:

• Respect their bus driver and cooperate with his/her instructions or requests.
• Remain in their assigned seats when the bus is moving and keep their hands and feet out of the aisle and off other riders or their property.
• Keep their heads, hands and feet inside the bus at all times.
• Remain absolutely quiet at all railroad crossings.
• Students are likewise prohibited from:
  • Fighting or "rough housing", which includes disruptive behavior such as pushing, shoving, shouting, slapping, pinching, kicking, etc.
  • Throwing items from the school bus.
  • Acts of physical violence (as defined in O.C.G.A. §20-2-751.6), bullying (as defined in O.C.G.A. §20-2-751.4(a), physical assault or battery of other persons on the school bus, verbal assault of other persons on the school bus, disrespectful conduct toward the school bus driver or other persons on the school bus, and other unruly behavior.*
  • Having drugs, alcohol, weapons, fireworks or tobacco products in their possession while riding the school bus.
  • Using profane, vulgar or obscene gestures to anyone on or outside the school bus.
  • Eating, drinking or chewing gum on the bus.
  • Damaging any portion of the interior or exterior of the school bus or its equipment.
  • Having toys, pages, radios, tape or compact disc players, taser/shockers or other electronic devices, or using a cell phone on the school bus and, even if permission to have possession of such items on the school bus has been obtained, to refrain from using such items in a manner that might interfere with the school bus communications equipment or the school bus driver's operation of the bus.
  • Using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other light or reflective devices in a manner that might interfere with the school bus driver's operation of the school bus.
  • Using tobacco products at the bus stop or on the bus.
  • Students may not carry glass containers, large stuffed animals, or balloons on the bus.
  • Students may not bring cell phones, radios, CDs, CD players, video cartridges or games, cameras, battery-powered video games, iPods, other electronic games or devices, sports cards or others such as Pokemon, large sums of money, beepers or tasers/shockers, etc. Items such as deodorants, perfumes sprays, cosmetics, personal hygiene and similar type items are not to be used on school buses at all.
* If a student is found to have engaged in physical acts of violence as defined by 8.5 §20-2-751.6, the student shall be subject to the penalties set forth in such code section. If a student is found to have engaged in bullying as defined by O.C.G.A 20-2-751.4(a) or in physical assault or battery of another person on the school bus, the school board's policy requires a meeting of the parent or guardian of the student and appropriate school district officials to form a school bus behavior contract for the student. Such contract shall provide for progressive age-appropriate discipline, penalties, and restrictions for student misconduct on the bus. Contract provisions may include but shall not be limited to assigned seating, ongoing parental involvement, and suspension from riding the bus. (O.C.G.A. §20-2-751.5)

Getting the students to school and home safely each day is the top priority in order to do it requires the students to have good behavior. Each student is required to follow the bus rules and demonstrate safe behavior and not distract the bus driver. Each student has to observe and follow the same rules as they would in the classroom. The school bus is an extension of the classroom and positive behavior is required to provide student safety. The bus driver cannot focus on the road when a student is not following the bus rules. This causes the bus driver to be distracted and not concentrate on the road by taking their eyes off the road just for 5 seconds can be dangerous for everyone. I have read and understand if I choose not to follow this contract that I may be suspended from all Tattnall County School Buses immediately and I must arrange my own transportation to and from school.

Student’s Name: __________________________

Bus Stop Address: __________________________

Student’s signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Parent’s (Guardian) signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Dear Parents:
Please fill out the following information and return this form to your child’s bus driver by 8/9/2019.
Thank you,
Tyrone Griffin, Transportation Supervisor
Frances Byrd, Assistant Transportation Supervisor

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ______ Age: ___ Teacher ______________

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ______ Age: ___ Teacher ______________

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ______ Age: ___ Teacher ______________

Mother’s Name: __________________________ Cell #: _______ Work #: ___________

Father’s Name: __________________________ Cell #: _______ Work #: ___________

Home Phone #: ____________________________

* 911 Address where your child is to be picked-up and delivered. Any other location must have a note sent to the school and signed by an administrator. CES, RES, GES, NTMS, STMS and TCHS student must have a note if there is a bus change before 1:00 PM the day of the change.

911 Street Address ________________________________________________

Mailing Address (If different from above): ______________________________________________

Emergency Name __________________________ Phone #: _________________________

Emergency Name __________________________ Phone #: _________________________

Parent Signature __________________________

Bus Driver Name __________________________ Bus #: _________________________

Anytime your phone # changes please contact the school and the bus driver.

Parents, you are responsible for supervision of your child at the bus stop until your child is picked up by the school bus or after your child is off the school bus. Your child should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the time the bus is to arrive. Your child should remain 12ft off the road in a safe area. Please follow Loading and Unloading Guidelines that is included in this packet. If the bus is late more than 10 minutes call 912-557-8916. Sign and return to the bus driver. Turnover and fill out the medical information sheet if necessary.
Medical Information Card
2019-2020

Name of Student: ________________________________

Mother’s Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone # __________ Work Phone #: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Father’s Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone # __________ Work Phone #: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Keep contact information current if the information changes contact the school and the bus driver

Medical direction to School Bus Driver: __________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

Emergency Health Care Information: ____________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

Medication Student Uses: __________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

Student’s Physician: ____________________________ Phone #: _________________________________

Special Instructions: _______________________________________________________________________