

BUS ROUTE & COURTESY SHUTTLE SERVICE RULES

All students are expected to follow the rules below and any additional rules established as needed.

Failure to comply with rules could result in suspension or termination of bus or courtesy shuttle riding privileges.

- Students should walk at least 10 feet out in front of the bus. This allows the driver to see them.
- Before boarding and when getting off ~ students should always look both ways before crossing, even if the driver has already motioned them to cross.
- Students should keep their feet in front of their seat at all times.
- If seatbelts are available on the bus, all students must buckle up while being transported.
- Students must be respectful of other passengers and the bus driver.
- All carry-on items should be in a backpack/book bag.
- The bus driver may assign seats at any time.
- Rural Route Bus Only – Please notify the bus driver 24 hours in advance when your child will not be riding the bus.
- Students should ride only their assigned bus and get on/off at the stop selected on the form submitted. Only one location may be selected for morning and one for the afternoon. This policy will be strictly enforced. The school district does not personalize bus routes/courtesy shuttle service based upon shared custody arrangements, individual sports/activities participation, church or social activities, child care schedules, play dates, or special occasions.
- It is important that bus drivers be on time through morning and afternoon routes. To aid them in their effort, bus riders must be ready to load and unload in a timely manner upon reaching their stop. The bus will leave promptly at designated times. Students who are late will miss their ride to/from school. If your child misses the bus, you are responsible for getting him/her to/from school.
- Parents and/or students will be required to make restitution to the school for any damage done to school vehicles.
- Pupil transportation vehicles shall not transport any items, animals, materials, weapons or look-a-like weapons, or equipment which in any way would endanger the lives, health, or safety of the children, and other passengers and driver.
- Any item or items that would break or could produce injury if tossed about the inside of pupil transportation vehicle when involved in an accident shall be secured.
- On-site supervision is not available at courtesy shuttle service locations.

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See the 2023-24 HPS Safe Return to School Plan on the district website for COVID related information.