



School Bus Rules and Expectations

The goal of the Pelham City Schools Transportation Department is to provide the students of the district with a safe and efficient transportation program. To assure this type of transportation, it is necessary that there be cooperation between schools, students, and parents. For these reasons, we are providing School Bus Rules and Expectations so that all concerned are familiar with the transportation procedures.

- A. The school bus is considered an extension of the classroom and all Pelham City School rules apply.
- B. Students will be picked-up and dropped-off at their residence or designated bus stop only.
- C. Students are expected to arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the designated time.
- D. Once students have arrived at their school bus stop, they are subject to the rules in the Pelham City Schools Student Code of Conduct and Attendance.
- E. Obey all instructions given by the driver.
- F. Horseplay, threats, and fighting are not permitted on or around the bus or at bus stops.
- G. Remain silent when approaching and crossing railroads.
- H. No loud, disruptive behavior including offensive/vulgar language.
- I. Remain properly seated, do not change seats, and keep head and hands inside the bus.
- J. Eating or drinking on the bus is not permitted.
- K. Students are not allowed to tamper with any of the equipment on the bus including emergency equipment.
- L. Littering and throwing objects within or outside the bus are not allowed.
- M. No objects should be transported that may compromise the safety of the students or the driver.

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- N. Books, packages, coats, band instruments, and other items should not be in the aisles or in the driver compartment and should not be left on the bus. These items must be held in the child's lap and must not occupy the seat of another child.
- O. Students are not allowed to transport Prescription or Non-Prescription medications.
- P. The use of cell phones or other personal electronic communication devices will not be allowed on the bus.
- Q. Any student who fails to comply with the rules will be subject to disciplinary action outlined in the Pelham City Schools Student Code of Conduct and Attendance.

My child and I understand the rules and policies for riding a Pelham City School Bus. I agree to support the bus driver and the Pelham City Schools Board of Education.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Child's signature: _____