

# Transportation

## Bus Conduct

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1. Students riding to and from school on buses should be quiet and orderly. Disorder may distract the attention of the driver and cause an accident. A bus driver has the very serious responsibility of protecting the students being transported on his/her bus. It is necessary that each driver have complete authority to control the conduct of students riding on his/her vehicle. All incidents of poor behavior by students and disrespect to drivers while riding on the school buses will be reported to the school office and handled as a disciplinary matter. The driver is in charge of the bus at all times and his/her instructions are to be obeyed.
  2. The bus should be thought of as an extension of the school classroom. All rules of conduct that apply in the classroom also apply on the school bus.
  3. Students should take seats and remain seated at all times.
  4. Enter and leave buses in an orderly manner.
  5. Students are not allowed to smoke on the buses.
  6. Do not damage the seats or deface the buses in any way. Students found defacing the school bus may have to pay for damage and may be denied the privilege of riding the school bus.
  7. Do not put your head, arms, or hands out of open windows.
  8. Profane or indecent language is out of order on the school bus or anywhere else.
  9. Upon leaving the bus, be sure to look up and down the highway before crossing. You are to cross a street or highway in front of the bus. **BE CAREFUL!**
  10. Students must get off at home or a designated bus stop and nowhere else unless written permission from the parent/guardian has been filed in the office.
  11. At the beginning of the school year, you will be assigned a bus to ride to and from school. You will not be allowed to ride another bus unless permission has been secured from the office (a bus pass). It will require a written request from your parent/guardian to obtain this permission to ride a different bus.
  12. If you ride on a bus, you are to return home by bus. Parents or guardians may pick you up, but if you have other arrangements, they must be approved and cleared through the office.
  13. Students should not “hitchhike” to or from school.
  14. Be on time – the bus must keep on schedule.
  15. While waiting to load, stay away from the bus until it has stopped. Remain on the sidewalk loading area while waiting for a bus. Do not wait on the blacktop area. Do not walk or run to meet or enter a bus that is moving. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop.
  16. Do not stand or play in the road or street while waiting for the bus.
  17. Never push or shove other children. This is an extremely dangerous practice.
  18. Do not go between buses unless there is adequate space, and it is necessary to get to your bus.
  19. Obey the driver’s suggestions promptly.
  20. Help to keep your school bus clean and sanitary.
  21. Do not throw any articles about the bus or out of the bus windows.
  22. There should be no candy sales on the buses.
  23. **BE CAREFUL.** Do not rush and hurry. **BE SAFE.**
  24. The purpose of these regulations is to make your transportation to and from school as safe and pleasant as possible. **PLEASE COOPERATE!**
  25. If a student persists in breaking the school bus rules, he/she may be denied further bus privileges. In such a case, the parent/guardian must provide transportation.
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## Field Trips

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Field trips conducted by the school are for educational purposes only. At least one day prior to any such trip a student must submit to the teacher in charge parental permission for such a trip or the student will not be allowed to participate.

## Conduct At Other Schools

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1. Remember you are a guest there. Conduct yourself to be a credit to your school, team, and yourself. Good sportsmanship is a must.
2. Students are under the same regulations at all other schools as they would be here at General Brown, i.e. no smoking, no going outside the building, and using proper conduct.
3. Students who create problems or are unsportsmanlike in their conduct while on a school trip will be suspended from future trips. Improper behavior while waiting for buses at the pickup points may also cause suspension from future trips.
4. The school authorities are responsible for your safety at all times, and they depend on your cooperation to prevent accidents.

## Bus Transportation for Athletics, Band, & Other School Groups

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All students are to go and return by school-furnished transportation unless previous permission has been secured to do otherwise. Permission will be granted only in unusual circumstances. If you go on the bus, you must come home on the bus unless a parent/guardian signs you out with the coach or advisor. This is necessary because of legal requirements as to the responsibility for your safe transportation to and from the game. Do not plan to go as a player, cheerleader, or spectator to any game or school activity if you are not prepared to return on the school bus. **Specific permission must be obtained from the trip supervisor.**

## GBCSD Bus Discipline Response System\*

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Infraction	Range of Consequences (listed from minimum to maximum penalty)
<b>Level III (Lower Level) Infractions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Failing to properly take seat upon boarding bus</li><li>● Occupying an unreasonable amount of seating space</li><li>● Annoying other children</li><li>● Eating on bus</li><li>● Littering or soiling the bus</li><li>● Behaving in an unsafe or unruly manner at bus stop</li><li>● Crossing highway improperly after leaving bus</li><li>● Using improper bus or bus stop</li><li>● Unauthorized use of bus pass</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Conference with pupil (Warning / Reprimand)</li><li>● Phone call to parents</li><li>● Reassign seat</li><li>● ISS lunch</li><li>● Letter to parents</li><li>● Conference with parents</li></ul>

<p><b>Level II (Moderate) Infractions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Failing to remain properly seated while bus is in motion</li> <li>● Engaging in horseplay</li> <li>● Shouting or other loud or boisterous behavior; harassment</li> <li>● Throwing objects about the bus</li> <li>● Putting arms or heads out of bus windows</li> <li>● Refusing to follow driver's instructions</li> <li>● Talking back to driver or otherwise showing lack of respect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conference with pupil (Warning / Reprimand)</li> <li>● Phone call to parents</li> <li>● Reassign seat</li> <li>● ISS lunch</li> <li>● Letter to parents</li> <li>● Conference with parents</li> <li>● Suspension from bus for 1-5 days</li> <li>● Detention</li> <li>● In-school suspension</li> <li>● Out-of-school suspension</li> </ul>
<p><b>Level I (Severe) Infractions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bringing contraband (i.e. alcohol, drug paraphernalia, weapons) onto the bus</li> <li>● Fighting or wrestling</li> <li>● Damaging the seats, glass or other parts of the bus</li> <li>● Engaging in profanity or obscene talk; using rude or obscene gestures</li> <li>● Lighting matches on the bus</li> <li>● Smoking / drinking (alcohol) on the bus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Phone call to parents</li> <li>● Letter to parents</li> <li>● Conference with parents</li> <li>● Suspension from bus for 1-5 days</li> <li>● Suspension from bus until further notice</li> <li>● Detention</li> <li>● In-school suspension</li> <li>● Out-of-school suspension</li> <li>● Superintendent's Hearing</li> <li>● Legal action</li> </ul>

Infractions identified on this page correspond directly to prohibitions listed on the General Brown Bus Referral Form and Student Handbook. One or more consequences may be assigned concurrently. Repeated offenses automatically “bump” consequences to the next level.

\*This document is intended for guidance purposes only. All assignments of disciplinary consequences are made at the discretion of the building principal.