

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES

Because behavior on the bus is so vital to safety, the following schedule will be used for those who violate bus rules and cause the bus to be unsafe:

- 1st Violation: oral reprimand, written report mailed home.
- 2nd Violation: oral reprimand, written report mailed home.
- 3rd Violation: oral reprimand, 1-3 days suspension from bus service, personal contact with parent, written report mailed home.
- 4th Violation: oral reprimand, 5 days suspension from bus service, personal contact with parent, written report mailed home.
- 5th Violation: oral reprimand, 10 days suspension from bus service, personal contact with parent, written report mailed home.
- 6th Violation: oral reprimand, 20 days suspension from bus service, personal contact with parent, written report mailed home.
- 7th Violation: oral reprimand, recommendation to Superintendent that pupil be suspended from bus service for remainder of school year.

Parents' support and cooperation regarding all bus rules are needed for the safe transportation of our students. If you have a complaint, please do not confront the driver while he/she is en route. Simply call the building principal and a meeting shall be guaranteed to resolve the problem. If you have any questions regarding the route, please call the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Transportation Department at (586) 783-6550.

Each time a Bus Violation is issued by the driver, a hearing will be held by the building administrator with the student.

The bus driver's job is a difficult one inasmuch as he/she is required to watch the road ahead, be aware of traffic conditions on the side and from behind, and anticipate the actions of other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The driver's attention should not be distracted by unnecessary student activity. Appropriate student behavior and cooperation are essential for the safety of everyone.

If in the judgement of the Principal or Central Office Administrator the violation is a major infraction of the bus rules, a student may be suspended from bus service on the very first violation.

1998-1999 Administration Regulations
Resulting from Board Policy 8180

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BUS RULES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
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BUS RULES FOR STUDENTS

The following rules for student conduct related to transportation provided by the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools are necessary to ensure the safety of all students and employees of the district. Therefore, all students of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools are required to become familiar and to comply with these rules. Any violation of these rules may result in the suspension of transportation privileges for a period of time as determined by the appropriate building administrator in accordance with the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools' Student Code of Conduct.

REQUIRED STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Students must stay in their seats and in a sitting position when the bus is in motion. Switching seats is not permitted without drivers permission
2. Students should leave their seats only after the bus has come to a complete stop.
3. Students will observe the following rules if it is necessary to cross the road after leaving the bus:
 - A. Make sure the bus is completely stopped.
 - B. On leaving, go to the front of the bus within sight of the driver.
 - C. On a signal from the driver or personal escort, look both ways and then, if safe, proceed across the highway in front of the bus.
 - D. Walk, do not run, in front of the bus when crossing the road.
4. Students who damage the bus in any way will pay for the damage and may be suspended from use of the bus until restitution or some plan for restitution is made.
5. Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and sanitary on the inside.
6. Students must be at their designated stop five minutes before the bus arrives. After the driver turns off the flashing red lights, he/she may not pick up any more students at that stop. **DRIVERS MAY NOT WAIT FOR TARDY STUDENTS.**
7. Students are required to sit three to a seat when necessary.
8. Each student boarding the bus will locate a seat, sit down and stay in that seat until arriving at their destination.
9. Students should remember that the bus driver is not only responsible for his/her bus but has complete authority and responsibility to control the conduct of bus passengers while in transit. All students must follow the instructions given by the driver. If, at any time in the judgement of the driver, a student fails to follow instructions and becomes a violator of any of the "Bus Rules for Students," the driver will issue a written violation. The applicable building administrator who will have final authority on determining need and/or justification for suspension will process the written violation.
10. Students must have permission to ride a bus other than their own. A note signed by a parent and approved by the building administrator is required.
11. Students must not change bus stops without prior permission.
12. Students must not cross "no crossing allowed streets" as designated by the district through the bus driver.

PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Students are forbidden to do anything that is detrimental to the health and safe transportation of all passengers and the driver.
2. Students are forbidden to throw objects within the bus or out of the bus.
3. Students are forbidden to hold on to or touch in any way the outside of the bus.
4. Students are not permitted to use tobacco, alcohol or narcotics in any form on the bus.
5. Students will not mutilate or deface a bus in any manner.
6. Students will not fight on the bus, and must keep hands and feet to themselves
7. Students will never use the emergency door except in the case of an emergency.
8. Students are forbidden to use loud or profane language or make obscene gestures.
9. Students shall not extend anything out the windows at any time, i.e. themselves, books, papers, etc.
10. Students will not tamper with any mechanism or switches on the bus including the door.
11. Students are forbidden to carry weapons of any nature aboard the bus.
12. Students may not eat on the bus.
13. Students will not be allowed to bring anything on the bus, which cannot be held comfortably and safely on the lap.
14. Students may not use or bring electronic devices on the bus.
15. Students will not put down the windows unless the driver gives permission.
16. Students will not bring animals on the bus. This includes all reptiles and pets.
17. Students should not attempt to reserve or "save a seat" for their friends.
18. Students should not ask the driver to make a special unscheduled stop.
19. Students will be assigned seats by the driver when necessary.
20. Students should not move to board a bus until it is completely stopped, door is open and it is safe to do so.
21. Crossing students must wait for hand signal from driver.
22. Students may not place objects of any kind near the driver or in the aisles, i.e. musical instruments, books, lunches, special projects, etc. Extra items must be stored under seats or carried by the student.
23. Students may not bring on the bus objects that can become a projectile or distraction examples are, Skateboards, Rollerblades, Hockey Sticks, Baseball Bats, Balloons, Glass containers, Skis, Snowboards, Basket-Tennis-Kick balls, laser pens, toy guns/ weapons

All children deserve a safe and enjoyable bus ride. No child should have to endure put-downs, teasing, threats, harassment, or bullying on the bus ride. We will not tolerate such behavior.

Guidelines

- **RESPECT your driver**
 - o Always follow their instructions-their job is to protect everyone on the bus.
- **RESPECT other students**
 - o No put downs or bullying
 - o Keep your hands to yourself
- **RESPECT your own safety**
 - o Stay in your seat –you're much safer when properly seated.
 - o Follow all safety procedures when getting on or off the bus-stay alert for other motorists.
 - o If you drop something near the bus, leave it there-get an adult to help.

