



CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT • TRANSPORTATION
1125 NE 22nd AVENUE • CAMAS, WA 98607-1145

CAMAS PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS RULES

The purpose of district transportation is to safely transport students to and from school and/or district sponsored events. Any misconduct by a student, which is detrimental to the safe operation of the bus, will be sufficient cause for the building administrator to suspend the transportation privilege.

Students should be at their designated stop five minutes before the scheduled bus stop time. In the afternoon, students are to exit at their regularly assigned bus stop and go directly home.

1. Students will follow driver and adult directions. The driver is in command of the bus and students. When transporting classes or teams, the teacher or coach is primarily responsible for the students.
2. Students will observe rules of classroom conduct while riding on buses, i.e., quiet talking, hands, feet, and objects to self, no teasing or rude/obscene gestures. Students must see that their possessions are kept out of the aisle.
3. Students will sit their bottoms on the seat, face forward, and have their back touch the rear of the seat. Students will keep all body parts inside the bus windows at all times.
4. Students will be quiet at all railroad crossings.
5. Eating or drinking is not allowed on the bus. This includes gum, candy, food, and beverages. Special circumstances may be authorized and supervised by an accompanying teacher or coach. Students are to assist in keeping the bus clean. All trash will be placed in the wastebasket.
6. Each student may be assigned a seat in which they will be seated at all times unless permission to change is given by the school principal and/or driver. If a lap belt is in place, it must be used.
7. Students will leave the windows closed unless given permission by the driver to open them
8. Students will only ride their assigned bus unless authorized permission is given. A bus pass from the student's school is required to be a guest on the non-designated route.
9. Students will get on and off the bus in an orderly manner. Students are expected to stand away from the roadway when the bus is approaching or leaving. Once the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver has given a cue, students may board the bus in single file. Students are to find a seat as quickly as possible. Students who must walk for some distance along the roadway where there are no sidewalks will walk on the left-hand side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic. Students may only cross in FRONT of the bus at the driver's direction. When students are off the bus, they will adhere to rules for pedestrians.
10. Skateboards, scooters, and roller skates will NOT be transported on the bus.
11. Headphones must be used with all electronic equipment such as portable CD players, Gameboys, etc. The bus driver has the right to take away the equipment and turn it over to the school administrator if the equipment creates a disruption on the bus. If the student chooses to bring electronic equipment on the bus, the driver, school, or district are not responsible for broken or missing equipment. The electronic equipment is not to be visible at school during the school day.
12. Students will refrain from carrying or possessing any items that may cause injury to passengers on the bus. Such items include, but are not limited to, sticks, breakable or glass containers, weapons or firearms, straps, cords, or pins protruding from clothing or bags, large, bulky items that cannot be

held or placed between the legs, etc. Matches, lighters, cigarettes, tobacco, or illegal substances of any kind will not be allowed.

- 13. Animals, with the exception of Seeing Eye dogs, are not allowed on the bus.
- 14. Emergency doors and equipment must be left alone by the students.
- 15. Parents of students identified, as causing damage to buses will be charged with the cost of repairing or replacing the incurred damage. Students causing the damage may be suspended from bus transportation. Students may be asked to clean the bus after school.
- 16. Student misconduct will constitute sufficient reason for suspending transportation privileges.

Principals are responsible for correcting those students whose abusive behavior results in a bus-incident report or violates the rules above. The principal shall provide supervision during bus arrival and departure times at his/her school. Principals must receive reports (written and oral) from the drivers. The principal shall insure that students comply with specified regulations. Open communication must be maintained between the principals, administration, bus drivers and bus supervisor.

Please take the time to read and review these school bus rules with your child(ren). Fill in the following information and return this portion to the bus driver. All students are expected to observe these rules when riding any bus provided by the Camas School District.

STUDENT(S) NAME(S) _____

BUS STOP ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL AND GRADE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

I have read and understand these rules.

STUDENT(S) SIGNATURE(S) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DRIVER BY _____