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K-12 BUS TRANSPORTATION CODE OF CONDUCT*

School bus behavior refers to the expected conduct and manners students must follow while riding a bus. It's important for students to behave appropriately on school buses to ensure their safety, the safety of others, and to maintain a conducive environment for transportation. Here are some critical aspects of school bus behavior:

Respect for Others: Students should treat their bus driver, fellow students, and bus aides respectfully and courteously. This includes refraining from using offensive language, bullying, or engaging in any form of harassment.

Seating Arrangements: Students should sit in their assigned seats and remain seated while the bus is in motion. Standing or moving around while the bus is moving can lead to accidents.

Listening to the Driver: Students should always follow the bus driver's instructions. The driver's primary concern is the students' safety, so paying attention to their directions is essential.

Entering and Exiting the Bus: Students should wait in an orderly line when entering or exiting the bus. Pushing, shoving, or rushing can lead to accidents. They should also use the handrails while boarding or disembarking.

Noise Level: Excessive noise can distract the driver and create an unsafe environment. Students should use indoor voices and avoid shouting, screaming, or making loud noises.

Keeping the Bus Clean: Students should avoid littering,damaging or vandalizing the bus. It's essential to keep the bus clean and tidy for the benefit of all passengers.

Prohibited Items: Students should not bring food or items on the bus that could be dangerous, disruptive, or offensive. This includes weapons, drugs, alcohol, and things that could potentially harm others.

Emergency Exits: Students should be aware of the emergency exits on the bus and follow the driver's instructions in case of an emergency evacuation.

No Body Parts Out of Windows: Students should never put any part of their body outside the bus windows. This can be extremely dangerous, especially when the bus is in motion. (This includes throwing items out of the window, using inappropriate hand gestures and vulgar language, and screaming at people outside the bus.)

Bullying and Harassment: School buses should be a safe space, free from bullying, teasing, video recording or any form of harassment. Students should report such incidents to the bus driver and school authorities.

Seat Belts (if equipped): If the school bus is equipped with seat belts, students should wear them properly during the whole ride.

Personal Belongings: Students should keep their belongings in their designated area and not occupy extra seats with bags or other items.

Remember that school bus behavior is not only about following rules but also about showing consideration for others and understanding the importance of safety. PCSST code of conduct for school bus behavior is to ensure the safety and a pleasant transportation experience for both students and parents, and the need to be aware of and adhere to the above guidelines.

***If your child exhibits unsafe behaviors i.e., disrespect, defiance, fighting, etc. and/or receives a bus violation conduct report, your child's bus privileges will be revoked or suspended, and will be subjected to a parent or guardian pick-up from the school.**

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