

STUDENTS TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

The school day begins when students enter the school bus, and ends when they leave it. During this entire time students are under the legal jurisdiction of the Hadley Public Schools. The bus driver has the same authority on the bus that a teacher has in a classroom.

Remember, it is a privilege to ride the school bus. If a student's conduct and behavior is not in keeping with that expected or if it endangers the health and safety of fellow riders, this privilege will be taken away from the student temporarily or permanently.

The following rules and regulations are to serve as guidelines for students to follow:

- While waiting for the school bus, students should refrain from destructive or disturbing behavior. Students should stay off the traveled portions of the street or highway.
- Students should enter the bus in an orderly fashion and go directly to a seat, remaining there until their destination has been reached. Departure from the bus should also be in an orderly fashion.
- There shall be no littering or defacing of the bus.
- No food or drink may be consumed on the bus.
- There shall be no loud noisemaking, swearing, horseplay, throwing things from or at a bus, or any other activity that will distract the driver's attention from the road.
- Students shall keep their hands, arms, and heads inside the bus at all times.
- In accordance with state laws, there shall be no smoking on school buses. The lighting of matches or other inflammable devices is also prohibited.
- Students shall not change buses unless given permission to do so by the principal or the District Transportation Coordinator.
- Courtesy toward fellow passengers and bus drivers must be shown and adhered to at all times.
- The emergency exits are to be used in emergency situations only, under direction from the driver. Safety equipment on any bus is not to be handled except under the driver's direction.
- No student will be allowed to leave his/her seat or stand while the bus is in motion.
- Students will only be picked up and dropped off at their assigned stops.
- Large items cannot be brought on the bus without permission from the school principal.
- Skateboards are not allowed on any school bus.