

SCA/SCPA SCHOOL BUS RULES & EXPECTATIONS

1. All school rules apply while riding the bus, including dress code and student conduct expectations. The school bus is an extension of the school.
2. Students are expected to follow all instructions given by the bus driver at all times, including assigned seating arrangements.
3. Students must board, exit, and cross the roadway only as directed by the bus driver.
4. Cell phones and handheld gaming devices may only be used with earbuds or headphones. Loud or distracting music, sounds, or videos are prohibited. Video or audio recording on the bus is prohibited. Students should have phones and handheld devices put away when loading & off-loading.
5. The aisle must remain completely clear at all times. Feet, backpacks, instruments, and personal belongings may not block the aisle. The driver must be able to see through the rear emergency door window.
6. **No eating food, candy, or gum allowed on the bus — NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. No drinks are permitted on the bus except water in a sealed, closable bottle or container.
8. Students must keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves at all times. Shadow boxing, roughhousing, horseplay, or “playing around” is prohibited.
9. Littering is not permitted. Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean and removing all personal trash.
10. Weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited.
11. Smoking, vaping, tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or any mood-altering substances are prohibited.
12. Students must remain in their assigned seats once assigned by the driver or school administration.
13. Standing, changing seats, or moving around while the bus is stopped or in motion is prohibited.
14. Students must always sit properly: bottom-to-bottom, back-to-back, feet on the floor, and facing forward. Aisles must always be kept clear.
15. Backpacks and personal belongings must remain on the student’s lap or on the floor directly in front of them. Students may not sit on backpacks.
16. Small musical instruments permitted on the bus must remain secured in their cases and may not be played while riding.
17. Instruments larger than an alto saxophone are not permitted on the bus. This includes but is not limited to brass horns, French horns, tubas, baritone saxophone, trombones, contra-bass clarinet, contra bassoon, drums and timpani.
18. No papers, notebooks, pencils, crayons, glue, scissors or other stationery items should be out of the backpack. Homework is not to be done on the bus unless it is a reading assignment.
19. Reptiles, insects, animals, or marine life — dead or alive — are not permitted on the bus.
20. Any object that obstructs the driver’s vision, affects safety, or reduces seating capacity is prohibited. This includes oversized projects, large equipment, or unsafe items.
21. Inappropriate gestures, obscenities, vulgar language, or profanity will not be tolerated.
22. Students may not throw any object inside or outside the bus; nor may they shout, whistle, or make gestures from the windows.
23. Students responsible for vandalism or damage to the bus will be required to pay restitution and will face disciplinary action.
24. Students must remain absolutely silent at railroad crossings and whenever the dome lights are turned on by the driver.
25. Excessive noise or behavior that distracts the driver is prohibited at all times.
26. Any behavior that negatively impacts the safety, well-being, or orderly operation of the bus is prohibited.

**Please be kind, courteous, and respectful to your bus driver and fellow riders.
Safe transportation depends on everyone working together responsibly.**