

Bus Riders

First Student is the Pendleton School District transportation contractor. Parents can contact First Student at (458) 213-5222 or the district's Transportation Liaison at (541) 966-3419. All students need to be registered with First Student prior to riding the bus. Our policy allows only regular, registered bus students to ride the bus. There is a link to transportation services on the district website <https://pendleton.k12.or.us/student-transportation/>. The Pendleton School District authorizes the use of video surveillance on all student transportation vehicles for curricular and extracurricular activities.

Student Conduct on Buses

In accordance with the Oregon Department of Education, the following regulations will govern student conduct on school buses to and from school and any district-sponsored activities.

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1. Pupils being transported are under authority of the bus driver.
2. Fighting, wrestling, or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus.
3. Pupils shall use the emergency door only in case of emergency.
4. Pupils shall be on time for the bus both morning and evening.
5. Pupils shall not bring firearms, weapons, or other potentially hazardous material on the bus.
6. Pupils shall not bring animals, except approved assistance guide animals on the bus.
7. Students shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
8. Pupils may be assigned seats by the bus driver.
9. When necessary to cross the road, pupils shall cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver.
10. Pupils shall not extend their hands, arms, or heads through bus windows.
11. Pupils shall have written permission to leave the bus other than at home or at school.
12. Pupils shall converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited.
13. Pupils shall not open or close windows without permission of the driver.
14. Pupils shall keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it.
15. Pupils shall be courteous to the driver, fellow students, and passersby.
16. Pupils who refuse to promptly obey the direction of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the buses.
17. Rules Governing Pupils Riding School Buses must be kept posted in a conspicuous place in all school buses, type 20 and type 21 activity vehicles.

Pendleton School District adopts the following supplemental rules to further enhance a safe, comfortable, and efficient transportation system:

1. For purposes of safety, there will be no "bus hopping." Bus hopping is defined as students riding a bus different than their assigned route(s).
 - Students who need an alternate route will need to submit a request with the district's Transportation Liaison at (541) 966-3419. An approved alternate route will take 3-5 days to establish.
2. Students that do not ride the bus for 10 consecutive days will be dropped from the bus route. The district's Transportation Liaison will need to be contacted to add the student back to the route.
3. It is required that an adult be at both the morning and evening bus stops for kindergarten students unless a release form has been signed and returned to the school.
4. Scooters, skateboards, and large items which cannot be safely transported while in a student's lap are prohibited.
5. Students will keep sports equipment and balls secured inside of their bags.
6. Students will not interfere with any of the school bus operating controls except as instructed by the driver.
7. Students will be at their regular bus stop at least three (3) minutes prior to the posted time schedule.
8. Students will not damage or attempt to damage public or private property at any time.
9. Students waiting in a bus stop area are expected to abide by all the preceding rules as they apply at the bus stop as well as on the bus.