

SECTION VI – TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES AND BUS PASSES

Every student eligible for bus transportation has a single/regular way of traveling to and from school. It is the policy of Brownsburg Community School Corporation not to allow transfers, changes, or alternative routes/stops. Students are allowed to have one bus in the morning and one bus in the afternoon; the respective bus stops must be the same Monday through Friday.

TRANSPORTATION BUS CONDUCT POLICY

Riding the school bus is a privilege, and misconduct while riding a school bus can result in the loss of riding privileges. Students should be at their designated bus stops five (5) minutes prior to the arrival of the bus and should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to load the bus.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner and abide by school rules at bus pick-up designated by the Transportation Department.

The privilege to ride a Brownsburg School Bus may be suspended for continuous misbehavior, not following the safety and conduct rules, or lack of cooperation with the driver.

Parents are not allowed to board BCSC school buses. If there is a question or concern that needs to be addressed, parents should contact the Transportation Department.

While every reasonable effort will be made to implement new transportation arrangements as rapidly as possible, the placement of new students on a BCSC school bus (or changes requested for existing students) may take up to three full business days to complete. Parents requesting new transportation (or changes) will need to arrange their own student transportation to and from school until school bus transportation can be confirmed. To confirm bus numbers, pick-up and drop-off times, etc. parents can check BCSC's website under "Resources", "Student Transportation" or contact BCSC Transportation Services.

Bus Safety and Conduct Rules:

1. Go immediately to assigned seat and remain in the seat for the entire bus trip.
2. If the bus is equipped with seat belts, passengers must wear seat belts at all times.
3. Remain seated and facing forward while the bus is in motion.
4. Talk in a quiet reasonable tone of voice. Loud, boisterous, profane language or indecent conduct will not be tolerated.
5. Students will not be allowed to tease, scuffle, trip, hold, hit or use their hands, feet or body in any objectionable manner.
6. Throwing items on the bus will not be tolerated.
7. Food, drink, candy and gum are prohibited on the bus.
8. Students may be permitted, at the driver's discretion, to utilize electronic devices while on the school bus. Students and parents are responsible for the maintenance and care of all personal electronic devices, including properly securing them to prevent damage and theft at school and on the school bus. The BCSC Acceptable Use Policy applies to the use of personal electronic devices on school buses.
9. Windows are not to be lowered below the designated mark and only with the driver's approval. Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus at all times.
10. Keep aisle of bus clear of all items, feet, legs, book bags, instruments etc.
11. Students shall be respectful of the bus driver and follow all directions given by the driver.
12. Treat all school property with respect.
13. Observe the same conduct rules as expected in the classroom.

14. Students must be completely quiet when bus stops at all railroad crossings.
15. Students will be released at their designated bus stop only. Once a student boards a bus, he/she cannot exit the bus unless it is at their designated stop.
16. Musical instruments are allowed on the school bus but need to be held by the student during the bus trip. Instruments will not be permitted to be stored in the back of the bus (blocking the emergency exit) or stored in the luggage compartment (safety issue).
17. Sporting equipment needs to be carried in a sporting bag or protective covering and held by the student during the trip.
18. Girls sit with girls and boys sit with boys.
19. Skateboards, scooters, etc. are prohibited on buses.
20. Students should be at their designated bus stop 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up time. *It is important for students to be at their stop before the bus arrives, so that they will not cause the other students to be late for school.* If a student misses a bus because he/she was late getting to their stop the bus will not return to pick up the student. Do not chase the school bus down to put your student on the bus. If your student misses the bus, it is your responsibility to take the student to school.
21. The Transportation Department designates the bus stops and pick up times for students.
22. Smoking, lighters, matches, drug possession, fighting, weapons and/or damage to the school property are not tolerated and prohibited.
23. Earbuds and/or headphones must be removed upon entering and exiting the bus.
24. All students who ride the bus to and from school or any school activity are subject to these rules. Behavior which distracts the driver is a hazard to the safe operation of the bus and jeopardizes the safety of all.