

All-Star Transportation/Newtown Public Schools

Transportation Information

The primary objective of the school bus transportation system is to provide safe bus transportation for the students of the Newtown. Courtesy and good manners are essential in achieving this objective. Full cooperation in adhering to the following rules and regulations is necessary. Please review the following rules and regulations with your children before the first day of school.

1. The driver of the bus is in full charge of the bus and all students riding therein. This includes assigning seats. This should not be considered punitive, simply an effort to insure student comfort and safety.
2. Students must take a seat when they enter the bus and remain seated until their designated stop. They should get on and off the bus only when it is fully stopped, and the driver has acknowledged them.
3. Reasonable conversation is permitted. No disruptive behavior, bullying, indecent or profane language, shall be permitted on the bus.
4. Conversation with the driver is prohibited while the vehicle is moving.
5. The use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs on the bus is prohibited.
6. Students must not throw paper, hats, snowballs, or other objects in, at or about the bus.
7. Bus windows shall not be opened without permission from the driver.
8. Students shall assist in keeping the bus clean and orderly and shall refrain from damaging or abusing the bus, its cushions, padding or other equipment.
9. Students who damage or deface any bus or any equipment on any bus shall be liable for such damage. If a student is found to have damaged the bus, full restitution for the repair will be expected.
10. The emergency door is to be kept free and available at all times.
11. Upon entering or leaving the bus, students shall avoid crowding or in any way disturbing others.
12. Students will not be allowed to cross the street, **on a double yellow lined road**, after exiting from the bus. For the student's safety, no student shall climb over or around the forward safety arm.
13. In the event a student drops personal items, step away from the bus, make eye contact with the driver and wait for directions on how to reclaim items. **DO NOT** attempt to get them on their own!
14. For the safety of all students, **no eating is allowed while on the bus**. The advent of food allergies requires this action to prevent possible adverse reactions.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION: Any student who violates any of these regulations may be prohibited from riding the bus either temporarily or permanently by the school principal and may be suspended from school or subjected to such other disciplinary action as deemed proper by the administration. To ensure proper discipline on the buses, all buses are now equipped with Video and Audio cameras.

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SAFETY NOTES FOR PARENTS:

1. Parents are not allowed to board school buses, without prior approval from All-Star Transportation.
2. If your child misses the bus, drive him/her to school. Do not follow the bus and have your child run alongside the bus to board it. This is extremely dangerous and is **prohibited**.
3. When buses are parked with their lights activated, and they are loading or unloading students, it is illegal for an automobile or any other vehicle to pass through their lights. **This includes busses parked and loading or unloading both on the road, any public or private parking lot, and in the school yard.** Any vehicles observed passing through the flashing lights of any bus will be reported directly to the Newtown Police Department, Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, Newtown Board of Education and will be subject to a \$450.00 fine, under Connecticut State Law, Title 14, and Section 279. Buses will be sporadically fitted with cameras that will take pictures of violators.
4. The bus driver needs to focus on driving the bus and providing safe transport. If you have any concerns regarding the operation of your child's school bus, please contact All-Star at 203-304-9778.

THE STOPS LISTED ON THIS WEB SITE, WILL INDICATE THE BUS NUMBER AND NEAREST STOP TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK BOTH THE A.M. AND P.M. ROUTES FOR YOUR STUDENT AS THE BUS NUMBER MAY NOT BE THE SAME FOR A.M. and P.M. ROUTES.