

Cocke County Schools

Bus Rider Rules & Regulations

Prior to loading on the school bus (at a bus stop and at school):

- Be on time and at the designated bus stop **5 minutes** prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus.
- All students must be out of the vehicle or house and ready to board the bus without a delay. Our buses are on a time schedule to run their routes and transport the students to school on time. Drivers do not have time to wait on students who are not prepared to board the bus when it arrives.
- While waiting on the bus to arrive, stay away from the road at all times while at the bus stop. Remember that oncoming traffic is traveling at the speed limit for that particular road and may not be aware of the bus stop.
- Please wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and look for the signal from the bus driver that it is safe to board the bus.
- Do not move toward the bus at the school loading area until the bus has come to a complete stop.
- If an item is dropped and is near the wheels of the bus, do not attempt to pick it up yourself. Let the bus driver know and ask for their assistance in getting the item.
- In the morning, no student may get off the bus at any point between their pick-up point and school.
- In the afternoon, a student wishing to get off the bus between school and their usual pick-up bus stop, must present the bus driver with a note of authorization from the parent AND the principal of the school the student attends.
- Any student who wishes to ride a bus other than his/her designated bus must have written parental authorization AND the approval of the principal or his/her designee.

While on the school bus, follow these rules!

- 1. Observe the same conduct as in the classroom.**
- 2. Be courteous, use no profane language.**
- 3. Do not eat or drink on the bus.**
- 4. Keep the bus clean.**
- 5. Cooperate with the bus driver.**
- 6. Do not smoke.**
- 7. Do not be destructive.**
- 8. Stay in your seat.**
- 9. Keep your head, hands and feet inside the bus.**
- 10. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.**

These rules are posted within each school bus in Cocke County Schools.

After getting off the bus:

- Wait for a signal from the driver and cross the road at least 10 feet in front of the bus. NEVER go beside or behind the bus. Remember that the danger zones are all around the school bus. If you can't see the driver, then the driver can't see you.
- After exiting the bus at your designated stop, proceed to move at least 10 feet away from the bus as the bus begins to pull away. Do not move back toward a moving bus as it pulls away.
- In the event that you leave an item on the bus, do not chase after the bus. Contact the Cocke County Schools Transportation Office at (423) 623-2757 to make arrangements to retrieve the item later that afternoon or the following day.
- Parents are not allowed to board a school bus to confront a bus driver. Any complaint must be filed with the Director of Transportation at (423) 623-2736, or at transportation@cocke.k12.tn.us.