Vicksburg Community Schools – Student Transportation

The driver of a bus has a great responsibility. A mistake by the driver might mean the injury or death of students on the bus. Students should remember that transportation is provided for their convenience and that it is a privilege to ride the bus, not a right. Students are expected to exercise proper conduct at all times. Because of safety factors, misconduct will not be tolerated. Students who misbehave or in any way place the driver, students, and/or bus in jeopardy, will lose their bus privileges.

The following rules are rules of courtesy, safety, and common sense. The drivers are your friends and will inform you of the rules to follow while in their charge. They wish to make your bus ride as safe and pleasant as possible. The driver is in charge of your conduct from the time you enter the bus to the time you leave it. The District will not mediate disputes involving parents and/or students concerning matters that take place at/or on route to and from the bus stop prior to the arrival or after the departure of the school bus. For student safety and the maintenance of order, all Vicksburg buses are equipped for video camera recording.

In addition to the rules listed below, all Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct Rules, Kindergarten through 12th grade, will be in effect at all times.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS ARE TO:

1. Remain seated a face the front while the school bus is in motion and keep all parts of their bodies inside the bus and out of the aisles.
2. Refrain from throwing items inside the bus or out of bus windows.
3. Be responsible for damage s/he causes to school buses, personal property or public property.
4. Speak in conversational voices and remain quiet at railroad crossings, bus stops, and other locations as designated by the driver.
5. Arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes prior to scheduled pickup time and board the bus in an orderly manner;
6. wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off.
7. Leave the bus only with driver consent.
8. Enter and leave the bus only by the front door, except in an emergency, or when directed by the driver.
9 Cross all streets at least ten (10) feet in front of the school bus and after the driver has signaled the student that it is all right to do so.
10. Bring a transfer pass from school and provide the driver with an approved transfer form in bus transfer situations.
11. Do not eat, drink, chew gum, use tobacco, or light matches on the bus.
12. Keep all pop cans, plastic bottles, food items or packages in a closed lunch or school bag.
13. Be aware that the following cargo is forbidden to be transported on a school bus: pets, animals, creepy crawly creatures, alcoholic beverages, controlled or illegal substances, ammunition, explosives, firearms, knives, or any other dangerous materials or objects. If there is a question on the transportation of a particular item, the Transportation Supervisor should be consulted.
14. Bring glass or sharp items on the bus only with driver approval and protective wrapping to protect breakage or injury.
15. Keep all toys or special items for school projects packed safely for bus transport.
16. Do not bring wooden or metal bats, skateboards, skis, or roller blades/skates on the bus.
17. Do not use abrasive or profane language or gestures.
18. Maintain safe and proper conduct at bus stops.
19. With driver permission, only use headsets to play their own radios or tape recorders.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS ARE TO:

1. Ascertain and ensure that their child(ren) arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.
2. Provide necessary supervision of their children to, from, and at the bus stop.
3. Understand that students may have to walk up to a mile to the bus stop.
4. Understand that students may not ride a bus other than the one to which they are assigned, or get on/off the bus at a stop other than their designated stop. The building principal or Transportation Supervisor may grant variances for child care, emergency family situations, or approved educational purposes. Students must bring a transfer pass from school whenever they deviate from regular procedures.
5. Make compensation for damage to school buses, personal property, or public property caused by their child.

We would like to suggest you consider providing backpacks for students. This would take care of getting many items to and from school safely. It will also help protect students getting on and off the bus, crossing the road, etc.

Failure to assume these responsibilities may result in a suspension of the bus riding privilege and/or school suspension.

Village Pickup Times

LOCATION	BUS #	TIME
424 East Prairie St.	40	8:15
139 North Kalamazoo Ave.	40	8:18
Corner of Wilson & State Sts.	40	8:20
Lot on corner of Wilson & Divisions Sts.	40	8:21
425 Vine St.	40	8:22
508 Spruce St.	40	8:22
Corner house on Raymond & Hamilton Sts.	50	8:40
608 Hamilton St.	50	8:41
113 East Washington St.	50	8:42
608 Davis St.	82	8:13
710 Davis St.	82	8:14
636 Adams St.	82	8:15
Side yard at 420 Grove St.	82	8:16
Corner of Boulevard & Draper	82	8:40
West Prairie at Third Sts.	82	8:42
Lee St. at W Ave.	11	8:40
Houghton Mfg.	11	8:42
301 S. Kalamazoo Ave.	11	8:43
Michigan Ave. (alleyway between Park & Highway Sts.)	13	8:40
Corner of Third & Bair Sts.	20	8:40
Lot on Corner of N. Davis and Division Sts.	18	8:17
308 West Prairie St.	18	8:30
Corner of McKain and Boulevard Sts.	18	8:30
Corner of Channelview & Waterview Sts.	18	8:32
Corner of Waterview & Bayview Sts.	18	8:33

Please have your child go to the closest stop and use that same stop in the AM and PM. If students are allowed to board one bus in the AM and come home on another, it could overload the bus. If you have any questions, please call the Transportation office at 321-1070 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.