

## Sterling School Bus Policy

The information contained herein serves as a general overview for all parents and students to acquaint themselves with school policies concerning transportation of students.

The Sterling Public School believes that riding the school bus is a privilege. Therefore, every bus rider shall abide by the rules, as set by policy, or be deprived of the privilege of riding on the school buses.

The school bus is an extension of the classroom. The driver is entitled to the same respect as given a classroom teacher.

**\*\*IMPORTANT reminder for STUDENTS and PARENTS/GUARDIAN:**

Student transportation is an extension of the school day; any student may be suspended or expelled for behavior exhibited in any school building, school grounds, in any vehicle (which applies to school buses either belonging to the district or on contract) or affecting any school activity.

### Parent Responsibility for Students Riding School Buses

1. The purpose of school bus transportation is to provide safe, comfortable and economical transportation for the school children of the district.
2. Parents shall assume the responsibility of having their children ready and on time. Parents are responsible to get their children to and from the bus.
3. Children should be dressed properly in accordance with the season. In winter, warm clothing and winter boots should be worn.
4. Parents should insure the cooperation of the children by studying with them the rules and the regulations adopted for school bus operation. Parents should understand that children riding on a school bus must obey all regulations and the requests of the driver or they may forfeit their privilege of riding on a bus.
5. On days where the weather is a concern if the elementary bus doesn't run the high school bus will not run also. If the high school bus does not run and the high school is still open parents will be responsible for getting their children to and from school. Parents should use their own judgment as to school attendance on days of inclement weather.

6. School bus drivers shall not be expected to wait more than 3 minutes at a pickup point or house.
7. The high school bus will wait 10 minutes after school before departing for home.
8. Parents are required to keep their driveways and yards free from snow and parked vehicles so the bus driver can drive the bus in and out of the driveway and yard when the students board the bus in the morning and depart from the bus in the afternoon.
9. Students shall be picked up and dropped off only at their designated bus stop or house.
10. Parents need to contact the bus driver if their children are not riding the bus.
11. All students should have a storm home in place before school starts.
12. Only eligible students shall ride the bus unless they have permission from the Sterling principal.

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