

# Ozark R-VI School District

## School Bus Ridership Expectations

Listed below are the minimum expectations for student behavior on our bus transportation system during regular routes or activity trips. The driver reserves the right to establish seating assignments or other rules that will enable them to safely and effectively transport the students.

- ✓ Students shall obey all instructions from the school bus driver.
- ✓ Students must occupy the seat assigned to them, if seats are assigned.
- ✓ The same courteous conduct as is expected in the classroom must be observed while on the bus. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Loud and vulgar language is not permitted.
- ✓ Students must refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver. The job requires their full attention.
- ✓ Students must be on time at the designated bus stops.
- ✓ Students must not stand in the traffic lanes while waiting for the bus.
- ✓ Students will assist the driver in keeping the interior of the bus clean, sanitary, and in orderly condition. Students must not throw waste paper or trash on the floor or out of the windows of the bus.
- ✓ Students will not open or close the windows of the bus without the permission of the driver.
- ✓ Students must not at any time, put hands, arms, or heads out of the windows.
- ✓ Students must not stand or move about inside the bus or to try to get on or off a bus while it is in motion.
- ✓ Students must immediately report to the driver, any damage occurring to the bus.
- ✓ Students must follow the instructions of the driver when entering or leaving the bus and when they must cross the road or highway.
- ✓ Students must ride their bus to their previously designated bus stop. Students are not allowed to ride home with friends or get dropped off at other locations.
- ✓ Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and the general public. Foul language and disrespect will not be tolerated.
- ✓ All policies regarding student behavior for OJHS will be enforced on the school bus. Possible consequences for inappropriate behavior include, but are not limited to:
  - *Driver – Student conference*
  - *Assigned Seating*
  - *Administrator – Student Conference*
  - *Administrator/Student/Parent Conference*
  - *Behavior Contract*
  - *Detention*
  - *Loss of Bus Privileges*
  - *In School Suspension*
  - *Out of School Suspension*
  - *Long Term Out of School Suspension*
  - *Expulsion*