

PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 - TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

The school bus is considered an extension of the classroom and the bus driver is "in charge of" and "responsible for" his/her passengers while they are on the bus. School bus drivers instruct their riders on the rules and expectations of proper conduct and "ridership", and expect their students to conduct themselves with proper respect towards the bus driver and their "fellow" passengers.

The basic bus rules are very simple:

1. Enter the bus in an orderly manner;
2. Sit down; face forward and keep your feet on the floor; and
3. Remain seated while on the bus.
4. No inappropriate language, name-calling, loud talking or yelling.
5. Keep all "body parts" inside the bus; and
6. Keep your hand (and other body parts) to yourself.
7. Ask the driver for permission to put the window down - no more than "half way" and
8. Close the window before exiting the bus.
9. No eating or drinking while on the bus.
10. Follow all instructions given by the bus driver.

BUSING SCHEDULES: School buses follow "exact routes" and schedules; and all bus passengers know the times and locations of their stops. It is critical that the students be on time to their stop - delays create scheduling difficulties for other passengers and can cause "late arrivals" to the schools. With this in mind; **ALL RIDERS ARE ASKED TO BE AT THEIR STOP "AT LEAST" 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE BUS ARRIVAL TIME.** Bus drivers strive to maintain their schedules and cannot wait for students to arrive. Please contact the Transportation Office to verify the arrival time if the bus is late (10 minutes or more) and your student has been waiting at his/her stop prior to the scheduled arrival time.

ASSIGNED SEATS AND BUS DAMAGE: Each student riding a Pasco School District Bus is assigned a seat. It is their responsibility to assure that their area is "picked up" and that no damage has occurred to the seat area. Seat damage is billed for repair or replacement to the student(s) responsible for the damage. Students are not seated in the two (2) rear seats, whenever possible.

Transportation looks forward to delivering its "precious cargo" to and from school. Our buses travel over 1 million miles a year and carry at least 3200 students to and from school each day. We welcome the opportunity to assist our students in their learning experience, which begins with their ride to school and ends when they return home. Our goal is the safe and pleasant transportation of all students, and to assist in their learning experience.