

**SCHOOL BOARD OF MATHEWS COUNTY
P.O. BOX 369, MATHEWS, VIRGINIA 23109**



SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. The bus driver is the authority on the bus at all times. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats to maintain discipline and promote safety.
2. The bus driver and substitute bus driver must be respected. Students must be courteous at all times.
3. The school bus is an extension of each school, therefore, individual school rules concerning conduct, behavior, appearance, will be observed from the time students leave home until they return home.
4. Students must remain in their seats at all times after entering the bus. If a student is assigned a special seat for any reason, they must occupy that seat at all times.
5. Students will not be allowed to ride a different bus or travel an alternate route without a written permission slip from their parents or guardians. This permission slip shall also be signed by the principal or their designee.
6. Students should never be excessively loud on the bus.
7. Students must never throw any type of object on the bus or out of any bus window.
8. Students must not annoy or pick on another student. This often irritates and will result in an argument or fight.
9. Students must never put arms or head or any objects out of any window.
10. No profanity or vulgarity shall be used. There will be no name calling.
11. Students will not smoke, or strike matches, lighters, etc. on bus.
12. Students shall not destroy or deface any part of the bus. Students will be required to pay for any damage to the bus. Damage to bus seats will incur a minimum \$35.00 charge.
13. Loading and unloading--Students must not attempt to cross the road when the bus is approaching. Wait until the bus comes to a complete halt with the flashing lights on. When leaving the bus, cross the road in front of the bus in view of the driver.
14. Parents must have children at the bus stop on time. The bus will not stop if the children are not at the bus stop.
15. No drinking of any beverage will be allowed on the bus. No eating will be allowed on the bus.
16. The aisles of the bus must be kept clear at all times.
17. Preschoolers and Elementary students riding the bus **MUST** have an adult visible when arriving or departing the bus or the student will be returned to the school.

PLEASE SIGN & RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL

For Parent or Guardian

I have read & understand the above School Bus Rules & agree to assume full responsibility for my child's conduct on said buses.

For Student

I have read & understand the above School Bus Rules, & agree, as a passenger, to abide by said rules.

Signature (Parent or Guardian)

Date

Signature (Student)

Date

School Child Attends

School

Grade

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