

Emmett School District #221

208-365-3207

Bus Rules*

1. Pupil shall arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Wait in a safe place, clear of traffic and away from where the bus stops.
3. Wait in an orderly line and avoid "horseplay."
4. Cross the road or street in front of the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop and **ONLY WHEN DRIVER SIGNALS IT IS SAFE TO CROSS.**
5. Leaving or boarding the bus at locations other than the assigned stop at home or school is not permitted.
6. **Riding to a different stop or with a friend.** Students are not allowed to ride buses to a babysitter, to a friend's house to play or spend the night or to attend meetings or parties unless the student has **a note from his/her parent/guardian explaining the situation, and has contacted the Bus Shop for approval.** No more than two extra students are allowed to go to the same destination without approval to be given from the Bus Shop. (To ensure enough room on the bus.) Approval from the Bus Shop must be obtained before the student boards the bus. **BUS DRIVERS WILL NOT CALL THE BUS SHOP TO CALL HOME FOR PERMISSION TO RIDE.**

** **No Skateboards, Scooters, Rollerblades or Roller-skates are allowed on the bus.**

MINOR (1 Citation Point) (Minor violations remain cumulative the entire school year.)

7. Go directly to an available or assigned seat when entering the bus.
8. Remain seated and facing forward. Keep aisles and exits clear.
9. Idaho State Law requires students to observe total silence at railroad crossings.
10. Eating and drinking are prohibited on the bus unless specific permission has been given by the driver.
11. Noise level must be at a reasonable level, as defined by the bus driver.

MAJOR (2 Citation Points) (Major violations remain cumulative for one year from the date of violation.)

12. Disrespect to or harassment of another student is not permitted.
13. Hitting or inciting others to hit is not permitted.
14. Sexual talk and/or innuendo is prohibited.
15. The use of profane language, obscene or gang gestures is prohibited.
16. Throwing or passing of objects on from or into the bus is prohibited.
17. Extending head, arms or other objects out of the bus window is prohibited.
18. Destruction or misuse of the bus is prohibited.

ZERO TOLERANCE (Zero tolerance violations remain cumulative for one year from date of violation.)

1. No tobacco, vaping, alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substances allowed on buses.
2. Weapons or anything that may be used as a weapon (hay knives, marshal arts gear, etc.)
3. Refusal to cooperate with the bus driver and/or violating district policy.
4. Arson: malicious burning of or attempt to burn the bus or equipment.
5. Any threats of a violent nature.
6. Sexual harassment (physical or verbal).
7. Fighting or inciting others to fight.
8. Hazardous materials and objects, animals, nuisance items (i.e., laser lights or pens).

***The administration may modify above rules or add new rules as necessary to maintain safety on the bus.**

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Bus Citation Point System

Note: All Citations are cumulative. Elementary age students MAY be given a verbal warning for a minor violation before first citation is issued. Middle school and high school students – first citation is the warning.

A. One Citation Point

1. Driver gives citation to student to take to parent/guardian for signature. Signed citation must be returned within five school days to the bus driver or to the Transportation Department.
2. Driver contacts parent/guardian and informs them of citation. (If driver cannot reach parent/guardian within 24 hours, citation is given to driver's supervisor to inform parent/guardian by phone or registered mail).
3. A copy of the citation is given to school administration.

B. Two Citation Points

1. Driver conducts conference with student advising reason(s) for issuing citation.
2. Driver gives citation to student to take to parent/guardian for signature. Student is suspended from the bus (beginning the day following the incident) until parent/guardian and students arrange for a conference with bus driver, bus shop supervisor and school administration. **Student will not regain bus-riding privileges until such conference takes place.**
3. Driver contacts parent/guardian and informs them of citation. (If driver cannot reach parent/guardian within 24 hours, citation is given to driver's supervisor to inform parent/guardian by phone or registered mail).
4. Student is suspended from the bus for **no less than 2 school days** and up to 5 school days (to be determined by the administration at the conference).*

C. Three Citation Points

1. Driver conducts conference with student advising reason(s) for issuing citation.
2. Driver gives citation to student to take to parent/guardian for signature. Student is suspended from the bus (beginning the day following the incident) until parent/guardian and students arrange for a conference with bus driver, bus shop supervisor and school administration. **Student will not regain bus-riding privileges until such conference takes place.**
3. Driver contacts parent/guardian and informs them of citation. (If driver cannot reach parent/guardian within 24 hours, citation is given to driver's supervisor to inform parent/guardian by phone or registered mail).
4. Student is suspended from the bus for **no less than 5 school days** and up to 10 school days to be determined by the administration at the conference).*

D. Four Citation Points

1. Driver conducts conference with student advising reason(s) for issuing citation.
2. Driver gives citation to student to take to parent/guardian for signature. Student is suspended from the bus (beginning the day following the incident) until parent/guardian and students arrange for a conference with bus driver, bus shop supervisor and school administration. **Student will not regain bus-riding privileges until such conference takes place.**
3. Driver contacts parent/guardian and informs them of citation. (If driver cannot reach parent/guardian within 24 hours, citation is given to driver's supervisor to inform parent/guardian by phone or registered mail).
4. Student is suspended from the bus for **no less than 4 school weeks** and up to 18 school weeks to be determined by the administration at the conference).* Bus suspension may carry over into the next school year.

E. Zero tolerance and Severity Clause

1. Depending on the severity of the violation, the bus shop supervisor or law enforcement may be called to **immediately** remove the student from the bus.
2. Bus riding privileges are immediately suspended for **no less than 18 school weeks** and may be permanently revoked. ***Bus suspension may carry over into the next school year.
3. Parent/guardian and student must arrange for a conference (within 3 school days of incident) with bus driver, bus shop supervisor, school administrator and possibly law enforcement to discuss the incident and future of the student.

***Student must be attendance at school on the days for which his/her transportation privilege has been suspended.**

**Emmett School District #221
Bus Riding Contract**

I have gone over the bus rules and list of consequences of the Emmett School District #221 with my child. I understand the rules and the consequences. I understand that riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right, and that my child could lose this privilege by violating the bus rules or disobeying the bus driver. **All students being transported are under the authority of the bus driver and must obey his/her directives.** I understand that the Transportation Department will be working very closely with each school administration to deal with bus violations.

No student will be allowed to ride a school bus in the Emmett School District #221 until a signed copy of this contract has been received by the:

**School Bus Transportation Department
1380 N. Washington Avenue
Emmett, Idaho 83617.**

Student(s) and parent/guardian must sign contract.

Please sign and return this contract. Retain the bus rules for your reference.

Student Signature	School	Grade
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1 st Address: _____	Daycare: _____
2 nd Address: _____	Daycare Phone #: _____
1 st Contact: _____	1 st Phone #: _____
2 nd Contact: _____	2 nd Phone #: _____
3 rd Contact: _____	3 rd Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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