

CLAIBORNE COUNTY BUS SAFETY POLICY

Students transported to Claiborne County Schools have the right to a safe ride to and from school that is free from intimidation, threat, or harassment. Riding a bus to and from school is a privilege granted to students contingent upon their exhibiting proper behavior. A student's eligibility to ride the bus may be suspended or revoked for a violation of bus safety rules. These rules are:

- Follow the driver's directions the first time they are given.
- Stay in seat and keep all body parts and all objects inside the bus.
- No pushing, shoving, or fighting at any time.
- No vulgar language or gestures.
- No eating or drinking.
- No throwing of any objects.
- No vandalism to any part of the bus.
- No glass containers, sharp objects, balloons, or other items that may cause injury or distract the driver.

Claiborne County bus drivers shall have complete authority over, and responsibility for, the operation of the bus and maintaining safe conduct while on the bus. The driver shall report to the school administrator any misconduct on the bus or any violation of the driver's instructions. The building administrator is to take action on misconduct using the following guidelines:

- A student's first offense will result in a warning to both the student and the student's parents.
- The second offense by the same student will result in a 3-day suspension from the bus.
- The third offense will result in a 5-day suspension from the bus.
- The student's next offense will result in a 10-day suspension; any further offenses will result in suspension for the rest of the year.

The principal will use his/her discretion to move to a higher level of consequence depending on the seriousness of any offense. If the offense involves destruction of property, the student will not be allowed to ride a bus again until the damage is paid. All suspensions apply to all county buses.