



School Bus Expectations

In order to make the riding experience safe for all, there are rules that all students must follow while under the supervision of the Valor Classical Academy school bus drivers. If students are unable to follow the rules of safe school bus riding, students may be denied the privilege of riding the school bus. These expectations are how we work together to safely get to and from school.

Before the Bus Arrives

- Arrive at your bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- Remain at the bus stop until picked up.
- Staff off people's lawn and other private property. Respect your surroundings.
- If you are crossing the street on a three way lane, remember to use the crosswalk closest to the stop. Please walk; it is not safe to run across the street.

When Boarding the Bus

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Be polite and take your turn getting on the bus and using the handrail.
- If crossing the street, stay in front of the bus arm until the school bus driver has given you permission to cross the street using hand signals.

Conduct on the Bus

- Follow directions of the driver and/or school bus helper.
- Walk to your assigned seat or nearest available seat and remain there.
- No fighting, tripping, or shoving.
- **Do not** use foul language, tease, threaten others, or use inappropriate gestures.
- **Do not stand, move around, or change seats while the bus is moving.**
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion and sit facing forward with legs, arms, and hands in the seat and not in the aisles.
- Keep aisles clear.
- Use an inside voice so that the driver can hear traffic sounds.
- No eating on the bus. Drinks are allowed in the bus if in a closed lid container.
- Dispose of garbage in the assigned receptacle before leaving the bus.
- Do not stick anything or any part of your body out of the window.
- **At railroad crossings, remain quiet and seated until the driver has safely crossed the railroad tracks.**

When Exiting the Bus

- Do not leave your seat until the bus comes to a full and complete stop.
- Wait your turn, don't crowd in front of others. Use the handrail.
- If crossing the street, stay in front of the bus arm until the school bus driver has given you permission to cross the street.
- Pay attention to where your stop is.

Lost and Found Items

Any items left on the bus will be brought to the front of the bus in the designated lost and found area.

Discipline for improper behavior on the bus

1. The school bus driver warns the student.
2. Conference with the driver on the bus after other students exit, if possible.
3. The student will be assigned a seat near the front of the bus, if necessary.
4. Bus behavior report is completed and turned into the transportation coordinator, if necessary.
5. A phone call home from the transportation coordinator will be made.
6. If behavior continues, there will be a referral to the Assistant Head of School, per family handbook.

Route Times

- Please remember these are estimated times. Loading students and traffic may result in delays to the stop time.
- Morning: The bus will leave the stops in the morning at the time listed on the route schedule and not wait for late arrivals.
- Students should be at the bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled stop time, but not earlier.
- Dismissal: Parents should be at the bus stop to pick up their students five minutes before the scheduled stop.

Bus Policy Acknowledgement

I, Valor Classical Academy School Bus Rider, understand that my school day begins at my designated school bus stop and my school day ends after school at my designated school bus stop. I understand that riding on the school bus is a privilege and not a right. I understand that I am responsible for my conduct while on the bus. I agree to follow the direction of the school bus driver in a courteous and respectful manner. I agree to treat other students on the school bus or at my school bus stop in a courteous and respectful manner. I agree to treat the property of the school

bus and the school bus stop in a respectful manner. I agree to model behavior that reflects Valor Classical Academy virtues.

I, the Parent/Guardian, acknowledge and agree that the student must comply with Valor Classical Academy School Bus Expectations while being transported to and from school. I will support the school bus driver in the transportation of my student. I understand that it is my responsibility to help enforce the expectations of the bus to my students. In the event my student's behavior on the bus is not up to the school bus expectations, I will work with the school and my student to change these behaviors.

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Date _____ BusNumber(s) _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____