



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 Idaho Novus 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.
- Stay off people's lawn and other private property. Respect your surroundings.
- Parents/approved persons of kindergarten and first grade students must stay with their student until the bus arrives.
- If you are crossing the street on a three (3) 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 school bus 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 or 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 school bus 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 garbage 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 school bus driver has safely crossed 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.
- Parents/approved persons of kindergarten and first grade students must be at the bus stop in the afternoon to meet their children.
- 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, if your stop is at a public place make a plan with parents on where to meet.
- In the event that a parent is late to their assigned bus stop, 2nd through 6th grade students will be dropped off at their assigned bus stop unattended. For KG & 1st grade students, the office will call the parent/guardian and the student will be taken back to Idaho Novus Classical Academy for pick up.

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. If items are left on the bus for more than 1 week they will be taken to the lost and found located in the front office.

Discipline for Improper Behavior on School Bus

1. The school bus driver warns the student.
2. Conference with the school bus driver on the bus after other students exit, if possible.
3. The student will be assigned a seat near the front if behavior continues, if necessary.
4. Bus behavior report is completed and turned into the transportation supervisor, if necessary.
5. A phone call home from the transportation supervisor will be made.
6. If behavior continues, there will be a referral to the assistant principal, per the 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 will not wait for late arrivals.
- Students should be at the bus stop 10 minutes before scheduled stop time, but not earlier.
- Dismissal: Parents should be at the bus stop to pick up their students 5 mins before the scheduled stop.

Bus Policy Acknowledgement

I, Idaho Novus 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 Idaho Novus Classical Academy virtues.

I, the Parent/Guardian, acknowledge and agree that the student must comply with Idaho Novus 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 student. 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 _____ Bus Number(s) _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____