

HOBART PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRANSPORTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

2017-2018

1. Be on time at bus stop.
2. Remain on curb until bus comes to a complete stop. Driver will signal when you can leave curb.
3. Do not push or shove in line.
4. If you must cross the street, wait for driver. Cross at least 10 feet in front of bus. Keep driver in view at all times.
5. Never cross behind bus. This may result in temporary loss of bus privilege.
6. If you drop, don't stop! If you drop something around the bus or when crossing the street, do not stop to pick it up. Continue to the curb and signal the driver to assist you in retrieving it.
7. When necessary, there may be up to three (3) persons in a seat. Saving seats for students getting on at other stops will not be allowed.
8. After loading the bus, the student will remain seated until bus reaches designated stop. DO NOT ASK TO BE LET OFF AT OTHER PLACES WITHOUT SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION. All extra stops must be cleared through transportation office.
9. Use handrails when getting on or off the bus. Be extra careful when the weather is wet or icy.
10. Defacing of any portion of bus (windows, seats, etc.) may lead to immediate expulsion, with responsibility to pay damages.
11. Keep the aisles clean at all times. Personal items must be stored under the seat or held in lap. Items such as balloons or flowers will not be allowed.
12. Keep hands, head, hair or other body parts inside bus at all times.
13. No loud talking, yelling or screaming. Loud noises may distract driver and cause an accident.
14. There must be absolute silence at railroad crossings.
15. Do not throw paper or objects out of bus windows.
16. No food or drinks on bus. SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN!
17. No improper language allowed.
18. Driver has authority to assign seats.

Bus riding is a privilege, not an absolute right. Don't lose this privilege. Failure to comply with the Transportation Rules and Regulations may result in the loss of bus riding privileges.

Responsibilities of Bus Drivers, Transportation Director and Parents:

1. Cell phone usage is prohibited while driving a school vehicle. If an emergency arises and a driver must use a cell phone, they will find a safe place to bring the vehicle to a complete stop off the roadway before using a cell phone for any reason.
2. The school bus is considered an extension of the classroom. A bus driver is required to maintain order on his/her bus. If an incident occurs on the bus, disciplinary action will be administered to the student(s). The disciplinary action will depend on the severity of the offense. HOWEVER, THE FOURTH OFFENSE USUALLY CAUSES THE STUDENT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BUS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Transportation Director to work with the bus drivers and building principals on discipline infractions and students' suspensions from school buses.
4. All reinstatement of riding privileges will be handled through the Transportation Department.
5. It is also the responsibility of the bus driver to discuss the Transportation Rules and Regulations with the students and be sure each student and his/her parent(s) sign it and receives a copy of it.
6. It is the parent's responsibility to discuss with his/her child the provisions of the Transportation Rules and Regulations and to support the Transportation Director and the School Administration.
7. The parent must assume responsibility for the behavior of his/her child while riding the bus. IF PERMISSION TO RIDE THE BUS IS REVOKED, THE PARENT MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL FOR HIS/HER CHILD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS REINSTATEMENT MAY BE MADE.

Any complaints shall be reported to Transportation Department at 580-726-3130.

Please cut and return the bottom portion the Transportation Director. I have read and understand the Transportation Rules and Regulations for riding Hobart Public School buses and I agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Grade

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School

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Address

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Telephone

Transporting Special Education Students:

The Hobart School District will follow the transportation policy for special education students provided in the State of Oklahoma policies and procedures for Special Education manual. Hobart Public Schools will determine whether a student requires special transportation on an individual basis through the IEP process.

  
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Board President

7/10/17  
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Date approved