

WOODCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

School Bus Safety Policy

In order to ensure the safety of all passengers, students riding a WCSS School Bus are expected to abide by the following policies and procedures.

Students who ride school buses are expected to adhere to the same rules of conduct and behavior on the school bus as in school. Any student who engages in misconduct, disrupts school bus travel, disrespects the school bus driver or jeopardizes the safety of others is subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the bus transportation program.

Expectations and Procedures

Students are to:

1. Remain in the bus-loading area and maintain self-control while waiting to board the bus at either campus.
 2. Respond positively to the direction of the supervisor in charge and/or bus driver at all times.
 3. Remain seated in assigned seats facing the front, and not to stand up or change seats without permission.
 4. Not extend any part of their body or throw anything out of the windows.
 5. Maintain silence at all times when the dome lights are turned on (for example, at railroad crossings, during emergencies, or any time the driver deems necessary).
 6. Help keep the bus clean by not eating, chewing gum, or drinking on the bus and putting trash away in the trash container.
 7. Be courteous to others, for example, by keeping hands and feet to themselves, and by keeping conversation courteous and respectfully quiet.
- Students should be prepared to board the bus at least five minutes before their scheduled pickup time. The bus cannot stop once it has begun moving. **Do not block the bus with your vehicle in order to avoid missing the bus as it puts our students' safety at risk.** To ensure the safety of their students, parents or an authorized person should be at the bus stop each day when their child is picked up and dropped off.
 - WCDS students riding the shuttle to the WCS campus in the afternoon must be picked up by 4:00 pm. If parents are unable to arrange for their student (s) to be picked up by 4:00 pm, they should remain with WCDS Extended Day Care. (Day Care fees will apply.)
 - WCDS students in grades K-4 who have an older sibling on the WCS campus may be picked up and left in the care of the older sibling, but only if the older sibling has no other obligations. For example, a student who is involved in sports, drama, or another activity is unable to also care for their younger sibling. WCDS 5th-6th graders may be released on their own to join their older siblings at a school function.

First Time Riders: Parents should review the bus rules with their children. Parents of young children should visit the bus stop location with their children prior to the first school day and make sure their children are familiar with the bus stop.