

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY®
SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOR

At Westminster Academy® we expect all of our students and guests to demonstrate Christ-honoring respect and responsibility when traveling on one of our school buses or rental buses. We expect all of our students to demonstrate the following Biblical virtues: kindness, respect, honesty, patience and peacefulness.

Misconduct by any student while riding a school bus represents a serious threat to the safety of all occupants of the bus as well as other motorists, pedestrians, and members of the community. All rules that apply to the school grounds and school activities also apply to the school bus. Parents are responsible for their student's behavior on the way to and from school, and for athletic and school-sponsored trips that require bus transportation. Athletes riding the bus to practices, games, or matches will be required to indicate their attendance on a bus by signing in on a sign in sheet as they board the bus. The driver will not leave until all students have been accounted for, and the sign-in sheet has been turned into the athletic office.

Unacceptable Behaviors on a School Bus

The following behaviors are unacceptable while riding on a Westminster Academy® school bus and violations may result in a verbal or written reprimand from the school administration, parent conference, suspension from the school bus transportation, or possible suspension and/or expulsion from school.

- Eating or drinking on the bus (unless special permission has been obtained)
- Failing to utilize required safety equipment on the bus.
- Disrupting, distracting, or disobeying a bus operator.
- Getting out of the seat while the bus is in motion.
- Inappropriate remarks made to the bus operator, other students, pedestrians, or motorists.
- Placing head, arms, or legs outside the window of the bus.
- Opening a school bus emergency door and/or exiting the bus when the bus is stopped, unless directed by the school bus operator in an emergency or during an evacuation drill.
- Fighting on the bus.
- Throwing objects out the window of the bus.
- Vandalism of seats or other bus equipment.
- Changing clothes while on the bus.

I _____ (student) understand the behavior expected while riding a Westminster Academy® school bus and agree to abide by the established rules.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Grade