

Phoenix Christian Unified Schools

West Valley Bus Student Rider Responsibilities

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and riders. Students must obey the driver and be respectful at all times.
2. Students will conduct themselves in an orderly manner consistent with classroom behavior standards.
3. Driver may complete a seating plan if deemed necessary. Students shall remain in their assigned seat. **Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.**
4. Students will observe driver directions for: approaching or exiting the bus & emergency procedures. Bus exit/entry will be in an orderly manner.
5. Students will not extend head or arms out of the bus windows.
6. Students must be at the pick up location before and after school on time. **The bus cannot wait for students (or parents) to arrive.**
7. Students will not leave trash on the bus. Eating on the bus will be allowed as long as trash is placed in the trash receptacle. If it is not, this privilege may be revoked.
8. Throwing items out the bus window is prohibited.
9. For safety reasons, items larger than regular school bags must be placed under the seat; ie, athletic bag or music instruments.
10. There is a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy toward:
 - Bad language or obscene gestures
 - Excessive or distracting noise
 - Fighting or harassing others
 - Throwing things
 - Possession or use of illegal substances
 - Possession of lighters or matches
 - Possession of any type of weapon
11. Students and/or parents will be financially responsible for any willful damage to the bus.
12. Guest riders: A guest permission slip signed by the parent of the guest student riding the bus as well as the parent of the regular student rider must be given to the driver the day prior to the student riding the bus to ensure room on the bus. These forms can be picked up in the front office or from the school website.
13. Behavior corrective actions: Students may be reported to the Principal if they fail to conform to the bus rider rules. Corrective action may include suspension from riding the bus. This is at the Principal's and Bus Driver's discretion.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Complete the West Valley Bus Sign-Up sheet and turn in to Carol Vandernaalt in the front office.
2. Instruct their children in the rules for riding the bus.
3. Insure students are at their designated stop on time. **The bus cannot wait for students (or parents) to arrive.**
4. Work with the Driver and Principal to resolve any discipline concerns.
5. Report discipline or safety concerns to the Driver.

Parent Name: _____

Student(s) Name: _____

I have reviewed the rider responsibilities and will encourage my child(ren) to uphold these standards to the best of his/her ability.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

