

# COLDSPRING-OAKHURST CISD

## Transportation Services

# BUS

BE RESPECTFUL    USE KIND WORDS    SAFETY FIRST

### Bus Stop

Respect Each Other

**Respect other people's property**

Be on time  
(10 minutes prior to normal pick up time)

**Use appropriate language when greeting each other**

Use your inside voice

**Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and open the door before you approach**

Be prepared 10 minutes before the bus arrives

### Loading

**Be patient when loading the bus**

Lend a helping hand to others if needed

**Find a seat quickly and quietly**

Avoid pushing others in the aisle

**Be seated before the bus departs**

### Bus Ride

Keep hands and feet to yourself

**Share your seat**

Use your inside voice

**Use appropriate language**

Ride safely and face forward

**Keep aisle clear**

Remain seated while the bus is in motion

### Unloading

Close your window

Throw trash in the trash can. This is OUR bus, please help keep it clean.

**Respect other people's property**

Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and opens the door

**Keep hands, feet, & other items to self while walking down the aisle**

Cross 10 feet in front of the bus

**Treat others respectfully**

Be aware of your and your classmate's surroundings

COMMITTED TO  
TRANSPORTING  
STUDENTS

*Safely*

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# COCISD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

## Bus Conduct and Discipline

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely. When riding in district vehicles, students are held to the same behavioral standards established in the Student/Parent Handbook and Student Code of Conduct. Students must:

- ❖ Follow the Driver's directions at all times.
- ❖ Enter and leave the bus or van in an orderly manner at the designated stop.
- ❖ Keep feet, books, band instrument cases, and other objects out of the aisle.
- ❖ Do not deface the bus/SUV/van/truck or its equipment
- ❖ Do not put your head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window.
- ❖ Do not hold any object out of the window or throw any objects in or out of the bus/SUV/van/truck.
- ❖ Do not possess or use any form of tobacco product on school buses or any other district vehicle.
- ❖ Observe all usual classroom/school rules.
- ❖ Be seated while the vehicle is moving.
- ❖ Fasten your seat belt when available on any vehicle.
- ❖ Wait for the driver's signal upon leaving the bus/SUV/van/truck and before crossing in front of the vehicle.

When students ride in a district SUV/van/truck, seat belts must be fastened at all times. Misconduct on buses, in district vehicles, or at bus stops, will be punished by the Student Code of Conduct and the Consequences Chart below – bus riding privileges may be suspended.

## Consequences

	Elementary Grades (PK to 5)	Secondary Grades (6 to 12)
Level I	Driver documents and conferences with the student	Driver documents and conferences with the student

First Referral Consequences		
	Elementary Grades (PK to 5)	Secondary Grades (6 to 12)
Level II, 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Discipline referral by transportation to school administration and parent contact by school	Discipline referral by transportation to school administration and parent contact by the school
Level II, Additional Offenses	1-Day Bus Suspension	2-Day Bus Suspension
Level III	2-Day Bus Suspension	4-Day Bus Suspension
Level IV	4-Day Bus Suspension	8-Day Bus Suspension

Second and Third Referral Consequences		
	Elementary Grades (PK to 5)	Secondary Grades (6 to 12)
Level II	2-Day Bus Suspension	4-Day Bus Suspension
Level III	4-Day Bus Suspension	8-Day Bus Suspension to Semester
Level IV	8-Day Bus Suspension	12-Day Bus Suspension to Semester

**\*\*\*Severe and repeated infractions may result in immediate and or permanent bus removal.**

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Examples of Infractions			
Level I	Level II	Level III***	Level IV***
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing up while the bus is moving</li> <li>• Out of assigned seat</li> <li>• Loud voice</li> <li>• Not seated “on pockets”</li> <li>• Gum</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Getting on/off at the wrong stop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throwing objects on the bus</li> <li>• Arguing/disrespectful towards the bus driver</li> <li>• Profanity</li> <li>• Inappropriate physical contact</li> <li>• Verbal altercation with another student</li> <li>• Persistent Tier I offenses</li> <li>• Loud Music</li> <li>• Taking pictures, videos or making voice recordings on the bus of another person.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Profanity directed at the bus driver</li> <li>☐ Physical altercation: slapping, kicking, hitting, pushing</li> <li>☐ Throwing objects out of the bus</li> <li>☐ Throwing items at or near the bus driver</li> <li>☐ Vandalism to the bus</li> <li>☐ Any action that necessitates a delay in completing the route</li> <li>☐ Threats toward a student</li> <li>☐ Possession of a knife (less than 5.5 inches)</li> <li>☐ Bullying</li> <li>☐ Persistent Tier II offenses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Possession/Use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products</li> <li>☐ Assault of a student</li> <li>☐ Assault of the bus driver</li> <li>☐ Threats toward the bus driver</li> <li>☐ Possession of a knife (more than 5.5 inches)</li> <li>☐ Persistent Tier III offenses</li> </ul>

## Buses and Other District Vehicles

The Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District is committed to providing a safe method of transportation for all eligible students. The privilege of transportation requires that students obey appropriate safety and conduct rules.

Reminder – State law requires all vehicles to stop when approaching a school bus with the red loading lights are flashing.

In addition, by state law “a person commits an offense if the person intentionally disrupts, prevents, or interferes with the lawful transportation of children to or from school or an activity sponsored by a school on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district.”

## School Sponsored Trips

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to use transportation provided by the district to and from the event. The principal/designee, however, may make an exception if the parent makes a written request (before the event date) that the student be released to their care. Parent signage is required.