

## **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Sweetwater County School District Number One provides bus transportation as approved by the Board of Education. Rules must be observed by students for the safety of everyone. If rules are not observed, bus privileges may be taken away. Students will be instructed in the following rules of behavior:

Students shall:

- remain in their seats, in a forward position, while the bus is in motion and should not extend any part of their body outside the seat compartment including window and aisle.
- converse in normal tones, loud, vulgar, or obscene language is prohibited.
- only consume food, drinks, candy, or gum, when authorized.
- only possess items which align with district policy.
- keep hands and feet, and objects to yourself and inside the bus.

The privilege of students to ride a school bus is contingent upon their safe, respectful and responsible behavior and their adherence to established regulations.

The driver of a school bus shall be responsible for the safety of the students on the bus; both during the ride and while students are entering or leaving the vehicle. The bus driver will notify the transportation director or assistant transportation director of any student who persists in violating the established rules of conduct on the bus or warrants a major discipline referral. The transportation director or assistant transportation director will notify the principal of the school involved if any student receives a major discipline referral.

Due process shall be provided to a student and legal parents/guardians will be notified prior to the student losing the privilege of riding the school bus.

Special education students, as defined under federal and state law and students with disabilities as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 are clothed with substantive and procedural rights which may restrict or prohibit the District from implementing some or all of the disciplinary responses described. Staff is prohibited from making any change with respect to or imposing any discipline upon any handicapped or disabled student which would constitute a change of placement or a violation of the child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan without first satisfying the procedural and substantive prerequisites established by or pursuant to federal and state law.