

# Standish-Sterling Community Schools



3789 Wyatt Road  
Standish, Michigan, 48658

Standish-Sterling Central High School  
Standish-Sterling Middle School  
Standish Elementary  
Sterling Elementary

## SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Passengers must FOLLOW the direction of the driver at all times. Failure to follow the directions of the driver will not be tolerated.
2. Each passenger will board the bus, find their seat, sit down and remain in their seat for the entire trip unless directed otherwise by the driver.
3. Passengers are forbidden to do anything hazardous to the health and safe transportation of all passengers. Students MUST respect the personal and property rights of others.
4. Avoid LOUD noises. Passengers are to talk in a normal, conversational manner. Shouting, yelling and screaming are prohibited.
5. Passengers shall not throw any objects inside or outside the bus.
6. The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any similar material in any form is strictly prohibited.
7. Students are required to make restitution for any repair/replacement of damage that they may cause. Students will also be subject to further disciplinary action as will be determined by the building administrator.
8. Passengers are not permitted to write on seats, sidewalls, or the exterior of the bus.
9. Fighting, pushing, shoving, and horseplay are not permitted.
10. The EMERGENCY DOOR is for emergencies only and will be used only when directed by the driver.
11. Use of inappropriate language or gestures will not be tolerated.
12. Passengers should not extend hands or anything else outside of the bus windows.
13. Dangerous objects such as knives, guns, glass objects, etc. will not be tolerated.
14. Eating or drinking is not allowed on the school bus.
15. Passengers are expected to leave their area neat and clean.
16. Passengers may not bring anything on the bus that cannot be safely and comfortably held on the lap. NOTHING SHOULD BE PLACED IN AISLE, NEAR THE DRIVER, OR AT THE EMERGENCY EXIT.
17. Passengers are required to occupy seats as directed by the driver. Bus drivers may require passengers to sit in assigned seats. Three students may be assigned to a seat if necessary.
18. Animals, reptiles or other pets are not permitted on the bus.
19. Passengers may not attempt to reserve or “save” a seat for a friend.

20. No electronic devices are allowed on the bus without prior approval from the bus driver or administrator.
21. No prescription or non-prescription medication shall be distributed, dispensed, taken or shown on the bus. All medication must be handled in accordance with district policy.
22. All School Board policies and procedures will be enforced on buses.

REMEMBER, the bus driver is not only responsible for the bus but also has complete authority to control the conduct of all passengers. All passengers must follow all rules and regulations and any other instructions given by the driver to ensure the safety of all passengers. If at any time, in the judgment of the driver, a student fails to follow instructions or violates bus rules and regulations the driver will file a written Bus Conduct Report. This report will result in appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the district administration. Bus riding is a privilege. DO NOT LOSE YOUR BUS RIDE. Suspended students are not permitted to ride ANY Standish-Sterling Community School District bus while under suspension.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS:**

1. To ascertain and insure that children are at their designated bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. The driver is responsible for the maintenance of this schedule and cannot wait for tardy pupils.
2. To provide necessary protection of their children when they are going to and from the bus stop.
3. To expect your child to walk some distance to a bus stop, as required by state regulation.
4. To provide written permission for your children to board or exit the bus at a stop other than their regular stop.
5. To inform the transportation office, or the driver, when absence is expected from school. If a student is not at the pickup for three (3) consecutive days, the driver will not stop again until notified by the parents.
6. To make reasonable efforts to understand and cooperate with those who are responsible for pupil transportation.