Proper Reporting
Students who have difficulties with other students while riding in the bus should report the problem to the driver.

If the problem cannot be resolved by the driver, then it should be reported to the principal of the school the student attends.

Seating
The driver is responsible for seating arrangements. Factors such as safety, fairness, physical disability, age, and conduct are major considerations.

Alternate Stop Request
Parents must send a note to the school principal who then may authorize the driver to pick up or discharge students at an alternate stop. Information on bus routes and stops can be obtained from the schools.

NOTICE: Video cameras on the school bus may be used as an aid to monitor student and driver behavior.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Red River Transportation
932-4081 Ext: 16

SAFE PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS
PLEASE READ:
Obey rules, regulations, and follow directions from the driver the first time given

Red River Parish School Board
Coushatta, Louisiana
Rules to Follow When Exiting a School Bus

1. Never ask the driver to permit you to get off at any stop other than the designated stop.
2. Get off the bus promptly and orderly after it comes to a complete stop.
3. Any student who must cross the street after exiting from the bus should wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross. The student should cross approximately 10 feet in front of the bus, never behind it.
4. Walk directly home by the safest route.
5. Avoid trespassing on private property.

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Safe Procedures for School Bus Rivers

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Your Bus Driver is ____________________________________________ Telephone # __________________ Bus ____________________________

Rules to Follow While Waiting for and Boarding a School Bus

1. Arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled pickup time. Be on time. The bus will not wait.
2. Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the edge of the left side of the street; facing oncoming traffic.
3. Stand off the road when waiting for the bus. Conduct yourself in an orderly manner avoiding damage to private property, and safe guarding against injury to yourself and others.
4. If it is necessary to wait across the street from the bus stop, await the bus driver’s signal before crossing. Cross only in front of the bus.
5. Board the bus in single file and promptly proceed to the seat assigned to you by the driver.
6. The following items are not allowed on the bus: alcohol, drugs, chemicals, hazardous materials, animals, glass objects (except eye glasses), skateboards, tobacco or tobacco products, matches, lighters, weapons of any kind, items that can be used as weapons, or look-alike weapons, nuisance items, CD players, radios of any kind, hand-held electronic games such as “GameBoy”, beepers/pagers, cellular telephones, flowers, or any other electronic communication devices.
7. Objects too large to be held in your lap or placed under your seat that may obstruct the bus driver’s vision, such as large band instruments, science projects, wheel carts, balloons, etc., are not allowed on the bus.
8. All balls, pencils, pens, and/or sharp objects, shall be stored in the student’s books or book bag while riding on the bus.

Rules to Follow While Riding a School Bus

1. Remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
2. Sit straight in your seat with both feet on the floor in front of you.
3. Always keep the aisle clear.
4. Speak quietly and carry on normal conversations with the other passenger in your vicinity. (Loud talking or shouting will distract the driver).
5. Avoid unnecessary conversations with the driver.
6. Keep arms and head inside the bus window at all times.
7. Abstain from eating, drinking, smoking, and the use of personal items on the bus.
8. Refrain from using profanity.
9. Avoid littering at the bus stop and/or in the bus, and never throw objects inside or outside the bus.
10. Report to the driver as you leave the bus any damage you notice.
11. Avoid touching any mechanical controls, including entrance and emergency exit doors, except in cases of emergency, and only then in accordance with emergency procedures as explained by the driver.
12. Respect the rights and safety of others.