

**OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**FIELD TRIP/TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS (BUS RULES)**

*While not all students use county-provided transportation to and from school, all students participate in off campus field trips and must abide by the transportation regulations.*

**STUDENT'S CONDUCT**

**1. Previous to loading (at your morning bus stop and at school)**

- A. Arrive at the bus stop three to five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.  
The bus cannot wait for late students.
- B. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Do not run or horseplay at your bus stop.
- C. Be careful when approaching the bus stop.
- D. Do not move toward the bus until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver signals that it is safe to walk towards the bus.

**2. While on the bus**

- A. Keep head and hands (entire body) inside the bus at all times.
- B. Assist in keeping the bus clean. There should be no eating or drinking on the bus.
- C. Students may talk quietly. Remember that loud talking, laughing or unnecessary confusion could divert the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
- D. Leave books, packages, coats, band instruments or other belongings out of aisles and driver's compartment.
- E. Do not bring glass items, balloons, flowers in a glass or breakable vase, or any large class project that could obstruct the driver's view onto the bus.
- F. Radios, CD players, iPods and/or other electronic devices are not permitted at the schools, so please do not bring them onto the school bus. Cell phone useage is not permitted.
- G. Never tamper with the bus, the emergency door, emergency window exits, or any other equipment.
- H. Students should remain in their seats, facing the front of the bus with both shoulders to the back of the seat. (This provides maximum safety in case of an accident or sudden stop.)
- I. Students should never stand at any time while the bus in in motion.
- J. If your child needs to get off at a bus stop other than his or her own, parents must send a note to the principal for approval. The note must then be given to the bus driver.
- K. No smoking or possession of any type of tobacco products, lighters, or matches is allowed on the bus.
- L. Absolute quiet is necessary when approaching a railroad crossing.
- M. Use of obscene, profane, or vulgar language is prohibited.
- N. Older riders should look after the safety and comfort of small children.
- O. In case of a road emergency, remain in the bus and follow the driver's directions.
- P. While loading, do not walk toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the driver signals that is safe to proceed.
- Q. Students should never cross the street in front of the bus until the driver checks the traffic and signals that it is safe to cross.
- R. While unloading the bus, walk away from the road as quickly as possible. Do not stop at a mailbox or to retrieve the newspaper.
- S. Students are to follow all directives of the driver upon the first request.