

Valley Student Transportation Assn. servicing Fraser Valley Adventist Academy

Bus Rider Regulations and Procedures Revised August 2018

1. The Driver is in charge of the bus and all passengers at all times. Teachers will supervise during field trips.
2. Christian conduct, as outlined in the FVAA Student Handbook, is expected at all times. Bad language and behavior will not be tolerated. Your best classroom behavior is expected when riding the bus.
3. All riders must show respect for one another. Older riders should be aware of their influence on younger riders and consider their safety and comfort. You are expected to act responsibly and look out for the safety of other riders. Younger riders must be quiet so they can hear and follow directions given by their Driver or Bus Monitor.
4. Be on time: be at your bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled AM departure time. Late arrivals must go to a later pickup spot on their route or arrange their own transportation. Buses are authorized to pickup and discharge students only at scheduled stops and will not stop between pickups. All buses leave the school 5 minutes after the 3:00PM / 1:30PM dismissal bell. The bus cannot wait for late arrivals.
5. Stay off the road while waiting for the bus. Wait until the bus door opens before walking on or off the bus.
6. Use all safety rules for boarding and leaving the bus as instructed by your driver.
7. Remain seated, facing forward, out of the aisle at all times while on the bus. Do not move around the bus. The driver may have to make a sudden quick stop or turn. Your safety and other's may be at risk. BC Motor Vehicle Act Regulation 11.13 (3)
8. The driver will assign a seat for which you are responsible; report damage to the bus driver at once. You may be charged for willful damage.
9. Eating or drinking while on the buses is not permitted, drinking water is ok.
10. Put garbage and papers in the trashcan when leaving the bus. Do not leave garbage and papers on the floor of the bus or throw trash out of the windows. BC Litter Act Regulation 239 (3) (6)
11. Loud talking and unnecessary noises are not permitted. It can distract the driver's attention from the road.
12. Pay attention when your stop is coming and be ready to leave when the bus door opens. Exit promptly and look both ways for traffic before crossing the street.
13. Electronic use is a privilege. Your electronic device must be silent and not be a distraction to the driver. Electronic use must not interfere with you or other riders from sitting properly and quietly in their seats. Earbuds must be removed when entering and exiting the bus so you can hear the driver's instructions.
14. Never climb on or hang off the outside of the bus. Stay clear of the danger zone around the bus wheels.
15. Do not yell or put your head or arms out of the bus windows. Close your window before leaving the bus.
16. You must be absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad-crossing stop so the driver can listen for a train.
17. In the event of a road emergency, stay seated and quiet in the bus unless directed otherwise by the driver.
18. Keep yourself and all personal items out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Students wishing to bring large items to or from school must arrange alternate transportation.
19. Sport balls and ice skates must be stored in a backpack or durable cloth bag before coming on the bus.
20. You have been assigned to a specific bus. Riding on another bus, without making prior arrangements, with the transportation office will not be permitted. After school activities off a student's normal route will require alternative transportation arrangements, for which the parent/guardian is responsible. VSTA reserves the right to reassign students to a different bus or make route and/or pickup/drop time changes as required.
21. Students moving must notify the school and transportation offices well in advance of the move with new address and contact information. Some buses may be full and have a waiting list. Students may have to use alternate transportation until space becomes available.
22. Unwillingness to follow these regulations or a Driver or Monitor's instructions will face disciplinary action from a teacher and/or administration up to and including suspension or total loss of bus use privileges.