

Imagine Schools Bus Policies

Welcome to the Imagine Schools Transportation Service! Here at Imagine we are hoping to provide you with a safe alternative for getting your child to and from school every day. My name is Fred Valentine (Mr. V), and I am the Director of Transportation for the Imagine Columbus Primary Academy location; I will also be the bus driver. I began my career driving students in the Southwest Licking School District (Pataskala, Ohio) approximately 8 years ago. After 18 months, my family and I relocated to the Lewis Center area and I began working for the Olentangy Local Schools District. For the last 6 ½ years I have dedicated myself to providing safe transportation service for students ranging in age from 4 – 19 years old.

There are some expectations on the bus and at the bus stop that must be followed. Many of the following are mandated by the State of Ohio Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Education:

1. All students must remain seated at all times. This means their seat is on the seat, back against the back and feet on the floor or hanging down. Book bags sit on student lap if there is no student next to them, the book bag can sit on the seat.
2. Keep the noise level at a respectable volume. No screaming or yelling.
3. No eating or drinking on the bus. This includes candy, gum, food, soda, and juice. Students may have a water bottle on the bus as long as it has a lid.
4. No bullying other students or causing an issue/argument/fight.
5. No foul language.
6. No cell phone pictures or videos are allowed to be taken on the school bus at any time.
7. Students must line up at the bus stop in a neat and orderly fashion and follow the directions when entering and exiting the school. Do not run to or from the bus.
8. Stay out of the walkway aisle on the bus at all times while riding.

These rules are in place to ensure that the children can have a safe, relaxed ride both to and from the school on a daily basis. Please let your child know that if there are any issues on the bus, they can talk to me about it and we will work to fix the issues.

If a student is misbehaving on the bus, I will address the issue with the student. Depending on the severity of the issue or the number of times I have had to discuss the issue with the student, discipline may or may not be needed. The types of discipline that may take place are as follow: a conversation with the student, a change of seat on the bus, a conversation with Principal Fry or Assistant Principal Beach, a conference with the student and their parents/guardians, suspension from riding the bus, or complete loss of riding the bus.

If you have any questions or concerns about the bus policies and rules, please call me or stop by the school so that we may work things out for you and your child. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and the wonderful students this school year.

Sincerely,

Fred Valentine

Director of Transportation

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I _____ acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules. By signing below, I certify that my child understands the rules for the school bus as well.

Student name (Print) _____

Parents Name (Print) _____

Parents' signature _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to Mr. Timsina, Mr. Valentine, Ms. Henderson, or Ms. Lori at the front desk ASAP.