

BEHAVIOR ON SCHOOL BUSES

Methods of Improving Student Behavior on School Buses

1. Seats will be assigned. Children who are first on the bus should go to the back of the bus on the way to school. This stops shoving and pushing and allows a quick attendance check. Talking is allowed on buses, but yelling is not allowed.
2. Children are not allowed to bring noisemakers or other distracting objects on the school bus.
3. The bus driver should avoid favoritism on the school bus. A friendly manner should be maintained, but the children should know that if they break the rules, the driver would follow through with the policy established by the Board of Education.
4. The bus driver should pull his bus to the side of the road when his vision is clear with a safe distance in front and back, in order to discipline a child who is guilty of rule infringements.
5. When dealing with children's behavior, avoid comparing one child's behavior with another. Never threaten or bribe. Make sure the students know what is expected of them; be consistent.
6. Students are to get on and off the buses at the regular assigned stops unless the student has a note from the superintendent or principal's office.
7. Any damage done to the bus, such as cutting seats, or defacing the bus in any way, will be paid by the person doing the damage, otherwise the privilege of the bus will have to be taken away from that person. Bus drivers must check buses before and between loads in order to know when this damage occurs.
8. Students carrying band instruments, overnight bags, or other bulky objects on the school buses should cooperate with the drivers in every way in order to prevent aisles and doorways from becoming jammed up with instruments, etc. This could be a serious problem in case of accident or emergency. If at all possible, students should try to either hold the object or place it under the seat in which he rides. In buses that are not over crowded, drivers may wish to have all instruments, etc., in one empty seat. At any rate, students are expected to comply with any regulations that the driver establishes regarding instruments or other objects.
9. Each bus driver is to deliver his bus load of students to the school and pick up students at the

school. Students wishing to go downtown will go from the schoolhouse.

10. Any student wishing to ride the bus who is not a regular passenger must secure a bus pass from the office. Parents must send a note with the student should they desire that their child ride the bus.
11. There will be no eating on the buses without the permission of the driver.
12. Buses arrive from routes in the morning by 7:57 a.m. Buses leave town at 7:58 a.m. The students are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Shuttle bus and regular bus routes will leave at 3:35. Town shuttle will leave the Kingsley building at approximately 3:58.
13. All school bus drivers must and should know the law regarding proper procedure for loading and unloading pupils. (Section 321-372, Code of Iowa)
14. Bus drivers must inspect daily: Emergency door, brakes, tires, cleanliness of bus, generator, oil pressure gauge, headlights, stop lights, directional signals, flashing warning lights, rear view mirrors adjusted properly, stop arm, horn, visibility of school bus sign, oil and fuel gauge, windshield wiper and radiator.
15. All bus drivers should attend all meetings set up by the state department and take active part in these meetings.

Bus Drivers Are:

1. To phone families of arrival time and the time students will get home after having a dry run on the route before school begins.
2. To talk with students who are waiting to board the bus. They are to stay 10 feet away from the curb when waiting at their bus stop.
3. To keep buses clean, inside and out. School buses that are clean give other communities a good impression of their school.

SCHOOL BUS POLICY

The following policy was first established by the Board of Education in December 1971, and was revised in June 1993.

1. All students will remain seated while the bus is in motion. In case of violation of this policy, the bus drivers are authorized to stop their buses and remain stopped until all have returned to their respective seats.

2. Bus drivers are to have complete charge of conduct of the students while on the bus and have authority to assign special seats to those students whose conduct is detrimental to the safety of others riding on the bus.

3. Bus drivers are on a definite time schedule and will not be required to wait for student pickups more than a reasonable length of time. If a student is not riding the bus, someone in the family should wave the driver on at once.

4. All bus students are required to follow the directions of the driver at all times. In cases of emergency, it is imperative that students follow the driver's instruction.

5. The drinking of beverages and the eating of candy, gum and food are not permitted on regular or shuttle bus routes.

6. Throwing objects in or off the bus is not permitted.

7. Fighting, pushing, kicking, bullying or harassment (see Anti-Bullying/Harassment section in this newsletter) of students or bus drivers is strictly prohibited.

8. Swearing, loud talking and obscene gestures are not permissible.

The above rules, if not adhered to will result in the following consequences:

CONSEQUENCES FOR BUS POLICY VIOLATIONS:

1st Violation: Warning by driver (logged).

2nd Violation: Conference with driver and principal. Notice sent to parents, the student is assigned to front seat for a minimum of two weeks.

3rd Violation: Suspension of bus privilege, 3 days – Hearing with principal, bus driver, parents, superintendent.

4th Violation: Suspension of bus privilege, 10 days – Hearing with principal, bus driver, parents, superintendent.

5th Violation: Suspension of bus privileges, 20 days – Hearing with principal, bus driver, parents, and superintendent.

6th Violation: suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of school year – Hearing with principal, bus driver, parents, board president, and superintendent.

The superintendent of school will serve as hearing officer if necessary regarding school bus policy violations and consequences.

SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER RESTRAINTS

The district shall utilize three-point lap-shoulder belts on district school buses equipped with these belts, as required by state law. All three-point lap-shoulder belts available on district buses will be used by passengers when the vehicle is in any non-stationary gear.

BUS ROUTES

Bus drivers will notify each family before school begins as to the approximate time the children will be picked up and brought home.

Buses will arrive at both buildings at 7:57. For those students who need to board a shuttle bus or remain on the bus to go to the other building, the buses will leave at 7:58 a.m. (This means the students living in town must be at the school buildings in time to catch the 7:58 shuttle, if they must go to the other attendance center.) These shuttle buses will arrive at the opposite building at approximately 8:20. Classes begin at 8:30 and school is dismissed at 3:30. Buses will leave both buildings at 3:35 to go on their town and regular bus routes. ******Kingsley town shuttle will leave the Kingsley building at approximately 3:58.******

TBA will pick up country route students then go to the Pierson building where students attending that center will get off. Those who go to the Kingsley building will remain on the bus. Pierson town students then load the bus to go to the Kingsley center.

Steve Schroeder, Eron Andrews, TBA have routes situated so they will stop at the Kingsley center first, drop off students, and then go to the Pierson building with students from their regular routes plus Kingsley town students assigned to their buses who attend the Pierson center. The small children will be greeted on the first day.

Steve Schroeder, Gregg Roepke, and Eron Andrews will make the following stops in the town of Kingsley as an extension of their regular bus routes: **(These times and stops are approximate and will be adjusted as needed.)**

Kingsley Town Shuttle – AM stops

Driver: Steve Schroeder **Bus #23**

(BEAR)

Stops—Grades K-12

506 Iowa Street	7:43
310 Brookside (Motz)	7:46
409 Easy Street	7:47
Bayard & Tilden (Archer)	7:49
Bayard & S. Main	7:50
222 S. Main (Rassel)	7:52
410 S. Main (Pratt)	7:53

Stops—Grades 5-8

School depart	7:58
Bayard & S. Main	8:06
222 S. Main (Rassel)	8:07
603 Country Lane (Koch)	8:08

Driver: Eron Andrews **Bus #17**

(LAMB)

Stops—Grades K-4

4 th & Vermont	7:47
213 E 4 th St	7:48
4 th St Alley between Burlington/Rutland	7:49
4 th & Main Lutheran Church	7:50
4 th & Dover	7:51
W 3 rd & Park	7:53
Arrive/Depart Kingsley Building	7:57/7:58

Stops—Grade 5-8

School depart a.m.	7:58
W 3 rd & Park St	8:00
4 th & Dover	8:01
4 th & Main Lutheran Church	8:02
4 th & Rutland (Schaeuble Alley)	8:03
210 E 4 th St. (Sitzmann)	8:04
4 th & Vermont	8:06
Pierson School arrival	8:15

Driver: TBA **Bus #08**

(DINOSAUER)

Stops—Grades K-4

2 nd St Alley (Rutland/Clarendon)	7:49
2 nd St alley (Burlington/Rutland)	7:51
11 W 2 nd (A-Z Preschool)	7:53
2 nd St Alley (Brandon/Dover)	7:54
Arrive/ Depart from Kingsley School	7:56/7:58

Stops—Grade 5-8

2 nd Street Alley (Brandon/Dover)	8:00
20 W 2 nd St (Clark's Hardware)	8:01
2 nd St. Alley (Burlington/Rutland)	8:03
218 E 2 nd St	8:04
Pierson School	8:20

Kingsley Town Shuttle – PM stops

Driver: Eron Andrews **Bus #17**

(LAMB)

Leave Kingsley School	3:58
W 3 rd & Park Street	4:00
4 th & Dover	4:01
Alley at Lutheran Church	4:02
4 th & Rutland (Schaeuble Alley)	4:03
4 th & Clarendon Street	4:04
4 th & Vermont Street	4:06

Driver: TBA **Bus #08**

(DINOSAUER)

Leave Kingsley School	3:58
2 nd Street Alley (Brandon/Dover)	4:00
2 nd & Main Alley (Clark's Hardware)	4:02
E 2 nd St Alley between Burlington & Rutland	4:04
208 E 2 nd Street Alley	4:05

Driver: Steve Schroeder **Bus #23**

(BEAR)

Leave Kingsley School	3:58
506 Iowa Street (Beelner)	4:01
310 Brookside (Motz)	4:03
409 Easy Street-(Bainbridge)	4:04
Bayard St (Archer)	4:07
Bayard St & S Main St	4:08
222 S Main St-Rassel North Drive	4:09
603 Country Lane (Koch)	4:10

BUS SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024

7:57—Buses arrive at both centers

7:58—Buses leave for opposite centers

8:20—Buses arrive at opposite centers

8:30—School begins (8:15 high school)

3:30—School Dismissed (3:15 high school)

3:35—Buses leave opposite centers for shuttle and regular bus routes.

3:58—Kingsley town shuttle leaves Kingsley building.

Bus schedule dismissal for the first day of School, August 23, 2023:

2:30—Students dismissed (2:15 for high school)

2:35—Buses leave for opposite centers for regular bus route

2:58—Kingsley town shuttle leaves Kingsley building.

Pierson Town Shuttle-AM stops

Driver: Ross McNaughton Bus #12

(PUPPY)

814 Front Street (Goeden)	7:45
17 Elm Street (Meyer)	7:51
326 Front Street (Smith)	7:53
Pierson Park (downtown)	7:54
Pierson School	7:50

Pierson Town Shuttle-PM stops

Driver: Ross McNaughton Bus#12

(PUPPY)

United Bank	3:51
326 Front Street (Smith)	3:52
Pierson Park (downtown)	3:53
Pierson School	3:55
17 Elm Street (Meyer)	4:00
814 Front Street (Goeden)	4:02



***ALL BUS STOP
TIMES ARE
APPROXIMATE AND
WILL BE
ADJUSTED AS
NEEDED***

****SUPERVISION ON THE
KINGSLEY SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND BEGINS AT
7:58 AM, THE TIME
STUDENTS WILL EXIT THE
BUSES. THE BUSES WILL
THEN LOAD AND LEAVE FOR
THE PIERSON BUILDING.**

**AFTER SCHOOL
SUPERVISION, ON THE
KINGSLEY PLAYGROUND,
WILL BE UNTIL 4:00 PM OR
UNTIL THE LAST BUS
LEAVES THE SCHOOL. ALL
CHILDREN SHOULD BE
PICKED UP NO LATER THAN
4:00 PM.****