

Helena Public Schools Elementary 2012-2013 Parent/Student Handbook

Bus Seatbelt Procedures

It is the goal of the Helena Public Schools Transportation Dept. to provide the safest student transportation system available. The District requires that all students riding the school district buses comply with state law regarding the use of seatbelts. **Students 6 years old or younger that are less than 60 pounds are required to utilize child seats and wear 4 point safety harnesses.** Students who may require assistance in using seatbelts should ask the bus driver for help so that all students are safely belted in their seat before the bus is put in motion. Drivers will announce prior to the bus leaving that each student needs to be in their assigned seat and seatbelts fastened. Students refusing to use seatbelts in a legal and safe manner will be subject to school district disciplinary actions. **Repeated refusal to wear seatbelts will result in suspended riding privileges from the bus.**

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A student shall not: A student shall not:

- Eat drink or litter on the bus.
- Leave the seat or stand while the bus is in motion.
- Use profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, obscene gestures or have possession of unacceptable material.
- Provide false identification.
- Ride an unassigned bus or use an unassigned bus stop.
- Open windows past the safety line.
- Attempt to ride a bus during a bus suspension.
- Be disobedient or disrespectful to the driver.
- Hang out the windows.
- Throw of any object.
- Hold onto or attempt to hold onto any portion of the exterior of the bus.
- Enter or leave the bus through emergency door/tampering with bus equipment unless authorized.
- Any activity that distracts the driver from safely driving the bus.
- **Refuse to wear a seatbelt.**