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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The West Orange Transportation Department, in conjunction with our contracted bus service providers, has assumed the responsibility for transporting our students.

The most important aspect of transportation is the safety of our students. School buses are equipped with seat belts. While riding the bus, students are required to use seat belts. Instructions for proper use will be provided and failure to follow these instructions will be considered a major offense and treated as a violation of bus rules.

The school bus is an extension of the classroom. Students must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with established standards for behavior and safety. A student who violates these standards shall be reported to the building principal or designee by the bus driver or the Director of Transportation. Parents will be informed of the misconduct, and when necessary, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. This may include suspension from bus privileges for a limited period of time. Multiple or more serious offenses will be dealt with more severely, including a longer suspension.

In addition, it is requested that all students refrain from cell phone use while on the bus. Cell phones have been known to interfere with school bus communication systems. This interference could result in a potentially unsafe situation for students in the event of an unexpected emergency. Therefore, we ask that parents discuss the importance of refraining from non-essential cell phone usage while being transported to and from school.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended. In such cases, the parents of the student(s) involved become responsible for transporting students to and from school in accordance with New Jersey Statute 18A:25-2. School buses are equipped with cameras and the principal or designee may view tapes at any time.

For your convenience, the Transportation policies and procedures can be found on the district website. Your cooperation in helping us to provide safe and efficient transportation for our students is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.
Superintendent