



Home to School transportation is available to Lakeside Joint School District students attending the Black Road campus and CT English Middle School. Please check the attached "Bus Service Reservation Form," and "Bus Schedule," for additional information.

Transportation to and from school is a privilege and not required by law. For the safety of all passengers, the rules of conduct must be strictly enforced. Consequences for violating any bus rules may result in permanent suspension of your child's bus riding privileges for the year.

A "Report of Bus Rider Misconduct" will be used to report inappropriate behavior to the Superintendent/Principal of Lakeside Joint School District for appropriate action. The Superintendent/Principal or designee will notify parents and assign a consequence as needed.

General Rules of Conduct (On the bus, at the bus stop, during boarding and disembarking)

1. Please arrive at the assigned pick-up location at least five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. School buses may leave stops up to three (3) minutes early and if on time or running late may not stop if no students are seen standing at the assigned pick-up location.
2. Always stand back twelve (12) feet from the curb in a single file line. Do not stand, sit, or play in the bus loading zone. Never crawl under a school bus. Do not touch the exterior of the bus. Do not push or shove while at the bus stop, or while boarding or exiting the bus. Do not touch anything within the driver compartment of the bus or emergency equipment. When crossing the street, Wait for the driver's signal before crossing. Always cross at least twelve (12) feet in front of the bus.
3. You are expected to be courteous to other students on the bus and do as the driver instructs. No profanity, obscene gestures, etc.
4. Any item you are not allowed to have in your possession at school you are not allowed to have on the bus. Cell phones are to remain in your backpack on the bus. When disembarking make sure you have all your things.
5. Do not stand or move while the bus is in motion. Stay in your seat, feet on the floor, facing forward, and sitting upright. Backpacks/book bags must be removed for the duration of the ride. Do not move from seat to seat without permission from the driver. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats, if necessary.
6. All riders must wear seatbelts at all times if the bus is so equipped.
7. Keep all body parts inside the bus at all times. Do not throw any object(s) out of the windows or doors of the bus. Do not throw any object(s) inside of the bus. Do not throw any object(s) at a bus. Littering or vandalizing is not allowed on the bus.
8. Please be aware that the bus driver must be able to devote full attention to the road to ensure the safety of everyone aboard the bus. Therefore, any distraction or disturbance, such as shouting, yelling, boisterous behavior, or any unnecessary loud noise or conversation with the drive cannot be permitted. Profanity is not allowed.
9. Always wear shoes on the bus (bare feet are not allowed).
10. Do not touch another person. no teasing, horseplay, or fighting. Violence, harassment, threats and/or physical contact is not allowed. Retaliation will not be tolerated. *(Physical contact could result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges)*
11. Do not eat or drink (no food/drink allowed), spit, chew gum, or litter. All trash is to be placed in designated waste containers.
12. Do not deface the bus. Pencils, pens, markers, sharpies, etc. must be kept inside student's backpacks at all times.
13. Do not block the aisle of the bus. All items must be kept inside rider's backpack at all times.
14. Never open, close, or tamper with any part of the bus or its equipment unless specifically instructed to do so by the driver. This includes opening or closing window.
15. In case of an emergency on the road, students are to remain in the bus and/or do as the driver instructs.

Riders may be given an immediate suspension from the bus, depending upon the severity of the rider's actions *(Consequences may continue to the following school session)*. Student behavior may be monitored by video recording devices within the school buses. Video may be used by district administrators in disciplinary proceedings.

The driver and/or school district bears no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items brought onto the bus.

Any item(s) confiscated by the driver or left on the bus must be picked up by a parent or guardian from the District Office within 30 days.