

## **SERIES 400 – STUDENTS**

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities – 420**

#### **Student Conduct on School Buses (443.2)**

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District, in cooperation with Wilton Bus Service expect all bus riders to conduct themselves with established student behavior standards. These rules are made to afford bus riders with a safest ride, to and from school that is possible. Therefore it is expected that all riders will adhere to the rules in this policy.

#### WHILE WAITING FOR THE BUS

The bus driver will pick students up at the same time everyday unless the bus is delayed by weather or mechanical trouble. Students must be at their pick-up point on time. Students are to wait for the bus off the roadway.

If the bus stops on the side of the road where students are being picked up, students must wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the bus door opens before walking toward the bus. If the bus door is on the opposite side of the road where the student is being picked up, the student must wait until the bus driver signals the student to cross the road, even if the bus is stopped and the red lights are flashing.

#### WHILE LEAVING THE BUS

If the rider lives on the same side of the road as the bus door, the rider should move directly to their home.

If the rider must cross the road/street after exiting the bus, they should:

- 1) In the country, wait for the bus driver to signal you across the road where you live.
- 2) In town, walk to the sidewalk, wait for the bus to leave, then walk to the nearest crosswalk to cross the street.

#### BUS CONDUCT

While on the bus, all passengers receiving district transportation to or from school, for district field trips, or co-curricular activities are expected to follow all rules established in the Student Handbook, and policies established by the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District and Wilton Bus Service. Four basic rules for bus riders are outside of individual bus driver's rules are:

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- 1) Students must remain seated at all times when the bus is moving.
- 2) Students are not to throw any objects while riding the bus.
- 3) When windows are open, students must keep all body parts inside the bus.
- 4) Appropriate language must be used at all times.

Violation of bus conduct rules may result in disciplinary actions. It is the bus driver's main responsibility to get students from one point to another as safely as possible. Student cooperation is vital to this.

EVACUATION DRILLS

Twice per school year bus drivers will conduct a bus evacuation drill. All students are expected to learn all about the emergency equipment and safety procedures on their bus. The rear door of the bus must never be opened except during a drill or a real emergency.

Legal Reference: Section 120.13(1), 121.52(1) Wisconsin Statutes

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