

HHLA Bus Standard of Conduct

Riding the bus to and from school is an extension of the school day. Harlem Hebrew expects all students to conduct themselves as they would in school and/or other school-related activities. Students who exhibit behaviors on the school bus which are in violation of the student code of conduct/the bus agreement are subject to consequences listed below.

*This standard of conduct is established to maintain a safe environment for all students who are riding the bus, and it is expected that all students follow it at all times. **Safety is our number one priority.***

Student Expectations

1. Students are to remain seated with seat belts buckled at all times.

Students are responsible for buckling their seat belts as they are seated on the bus and remain seated for the entire bus ride. Students are not permitted to stand on the seats or in the aisle once the bus is moving. Students are expected to stay in the same seat from the time they board the bus to the time they are dropped off. Students who fail to follow this may be subject to consequences listed on the following page.

2. Students are expected to demonstrate model behavior while on the bus.

Harlem Hebrew encourages a community of respect, and all students are expected to communicate using appropriate language and volume while on the bus. Students are allowed to use cell phones and other electronic devices, however, the volume must be kept to a minimum. Food and drink are prohibited on the bus. Students who fail to follow this may be subject to consequences listed on the following page.

3. Students are expected to follow directions of bus monitors, drivers, and all staff involved in bussing.

Students are expected to stand in line while being picked up from classes and listen for directions from the time they are picked up until their dropoff. Students who fail to follow this may be subject to consequences listed on the following page.

4. Students are to refrain from fighting, horseplay, or physical acts that may cause injury to others.

Students are expected to keep their hands to themselves at all times. As outlined above, students are expected to remain in their seats and respect the personal space of others on the bus. **Violence will not be tolerated on our buses.**

Description	Range of Consequences
Low-Level Disruptive Behaviors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written Warning, Parent Communication 2. Assigned Bus Seats (length determined by School) 3. Suspension from the bus (length determined by School)
Disruptive or Potentially Unsafe Behaviors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written Warning, Parent Communication 2. Assigned Bus Seats (length determined by School) 3. Suspension from the school bus (length determined by School)
Unsafe or Repeatedly Disruptive Behaviors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suspension from the school bus (length determined by School) 2. Removal from the school bus for the remainder of the school year
Dangerous and/or Repeatedly Unsafe Behaviors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of bus privileged for the remainder of the school year

**The school may determine that behaviors that constitute extreme disruption or compromise the safety of others may result in permanent removal from bus privileges, even if no previous warnings have been dispensed.*

***In addition to bus-related consequences, students may receive school-based consequences such as loss of privilege, removal from activities, detention, suspension, and other punitive consequences as outlined in the parent handbook.*