

NRC BUSES PTY LTD
RULES FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Eligible School Students

To be eligible for subsidised travel under the NSW School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), school students must be:

1. 4 years 6 months of age or older; and
2. an infant student; i.e. attending Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 classes, irrespective of the distance from home to school; or
3. a primary student (Year 3-6), and reside more than 1.6 kilometres (straight line distance) from the school attended, measured from the centre of the school site, or 2.3 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school; or
4. a secondary student (Year 7-12) and reside more than 2.0 kilometres (straight line distance) from the school attended, measured from the centre of the school site, or 2.9 kilometres or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school.

Required behaviour on buses SSTS Students

In line with Transport for NSW's Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses, ALL school students while using the bus must:

- Use appropriate language, and not offensive or racist language.
- Not fight, spit, place feet on seats or throw things in or from the bus.
- Not eat or drink (other than water) unless for medical reasons or where the bus operator gives written permission.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers.
- Not push or shove other people.
- Not bully or harass other passengers or the driver.
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers.

For safety reasons, School Students will not be asked to leave their School Bus. They can, however, be suspended from utilising the bus for periods of time depending on the circumstances and upon giving notice to a parent.(for more information refer to www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/reports-and-publications/guidelines-for-managing-school-student-behaviour-on-buses)

Non-Eligible School Students

Students other than Eligible students should be charged a fare. However, we have chosen to wave the fare and permit children from Walgett and Lightning Ridge Schools up to year 12 to travel home from school free of charge if there is a bus stop near their home. Because these children are not eligible to travel under the SSTS and are effectively receiving a free lift home, a higher standard of behaviour is expected of them.

Because these children are older and not eligible to travel under SSTS, our drivers reserve the right not to pick up students who have previously misbehaved on the bus. Alternatively, the driver may ask the student to sit up the front of the bus to prevent misbehaviour.

If your child is not eligible for travel under the SSTS and cannot behave in an appropriate manner whilst riding on the bus, you will need to make alternative arrangements for their travel. We trust that you will stress to your child the importance of their behaviour while travelling on the bus.

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