

Bus drivers have an important job of carrying students safely to and from school. They start and finish most students' school day. Below are guidelines for students riding the bus to keep them safe and begin/end their day with a positive experience.

1. Show proper attention and respect to the bus driver at all times.

The driver is in full charge of the bus and riders at all times. Obey the driver's instructions when boarding, riding, or leaving the bus.

2. Students are responsible for safe and considerate behavior while at the bus stop.
 - Be at the stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled bus time. The bus cannot wait for tardy students as it has a schedule to ensure students arrive at school on time.
 - Students who miss the bus are to return home. Any alternative arrangement for getting to school needs the permission of the parent or guardian.
 - Use available street shoulders or sidewalks. When it is necessary to walk along the roadway, walk on the left shoulder, facing oncoming traffic.
 - While waiting for the bus, students are to stay off the traveled portion of the roadway. Stand on the sidewalk if there is one.
 - Students are not to engage in horseplay and are to respect the property of homeowners in the area.
 - Exercise care when crossing the roadway. Always cross at least ten (10) feet in front of the bus, and only when the driver signals it is safe to do so.
 - When loading, be courteous and remain in a line. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before moving toward it.
 - When loading, students are to go directly to a seat, sit down, and remain seated.
 - It is not safe to loiter by the bus or race beside a bus when it is moving.
3. Students are responsible for respecting themselves, other, and property.
 - Students are under the supervision of the bus driver and must obey the driver when boarding, riding, or leaving the bus.
 - Students are expected to be courteous to fellow students and driver.
 - Any damage is to be reported to the driver and repairs paid for by the offender.
 - All rules applicable to the classroom and/or on school grounds apply to the school bus.
 - Help keep the bus clean by taking trash off the bus or by depositing it in the container at the front of the bus as you depart.
 - The driver may assign seats to students. If assigned to a seat, students may change seats only with the driver's permission.
4. Students are responsible for helping to maintain a safe, positive bus environment.
 - Students are to ride their regularly assigned bus only and leave the bus at their regular stop. To ride another bus or get off at a different stop requires a written request of a parent or guardian.
 - Students are not to stand or sit in the stairwell or in the driver's seat. Students are to remain seated, facing forward, while the bus is in operation, with their feet and body out of the aisle. It is important not to distract the driver while the bus is in operation, except for emergencies.

- School projects (e.g. rockets, dioramas, kites) and all sports equipment (e.g. balls, bats, skateboards, roller blades) should be transported fully enclosed in a backpack, bag, or box. The following items are not allowed on the bus:
Breakable containers (e.g. glass bottles, aquariums),
All forms of animal life, with the exception of service dogs, and
Other articles which could adversely affect the safety of the bus and passengers (i.e. objects that cannot be safely carried on your lap).
- Absolute quiet is necessary while the bus is approaching, at, and crossing railroad tracks, so the driver can listen for approaching trains.
- Students are to go promptly to their bus when dismissed from school. When they leave the bus, they are to go directly home.
- Open bus windows not more than six inches (6") and only if the driver gives permission. Hands, arms, head, feet and legs are to be kept inside the bus at all times. No objects are to be thrown nor passed through open windows or doors. Students will refrain from calling out to people passing by.
- Keep the aisle and front door well clear of books, lunches, coats, packages, and band instruments. When departing, remove all items which were brought onto the bus.
- Eating, drinking and/or chewing gum on the bus is prohibited.
- Remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop. Students in the front of the bus will unload first. Leave the bus in an orderly manner.
- Leave the fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and emergency door alone. Use them in an emergency and with the permission of the driver or another authorized person.
- In an emergency situation, follow the procedures practiced in emergency exit drills.