

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Parent Responsibility

The Transportation Regulations and the Policy adopted by the Board of Education should be stressed to the students not only for their safety but to protect the lives of all students riding the school bus.

- Help your student(s) be on time at the bus stop.
- Do not ask the driver to stop at places other than the designated stop.
- Assume responsibility in training your child to cooperate with the school bus driver.
- Insist on correct behavior in waiting for and riding the school bus.
- Accompany very young students to the bus stop each morning and meet the bus in the afternoon.
- Cooperate with school officials in discharging discipline requirements in support of the Transportation Safety Program. Parental attitude in this manner is extremely important.

NOTE – Students are not allowed to change their bus. When your child is not going to take the bus home, please notify the school. **Parents should remind their children that they should not cross roads in order to get the bus until such time as the bus arrives, the red blinking lights are working, and the traffic is stopped, so that the bus driver can watch the students safely cross the street.**

Student Responsibility

Be aware of the following rules and regulations set down for your safe and efficient transportation. Cooperate by obeying these rules and regulations for your own safety as well as others.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Previous to Loading Bus:

- Be on time at your bus stop – 5-8 minutes before the bus is due.
- Do not cross roads in order to get to the bus until the bus arrives, the red blinking lights are flashing, and the traffic is stopped.
- Remain on the curb at least 3 feet back – **NEVER** stand in or move into the roadway as the bus approaches.
- Avoid crowding or pushing as the bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus stops before moving toward the door.
- Do not destroy or damage property at the bus stop.

While Riding Bus:

- Move quickly to your seat. Do not stand or move from your seat while the bus is in motion.
- Driver or school administrator may assign seats.
- Do not open or close windows without the driver's permission.
- Keep hands, arms, and other parts of the body inside the bus at all times.
- Keep feet, legs, and other objects out of the aisles.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus. Help keep it clean.
- No smoking.
- Never throw anything out of the bus window.
- Be courteous, talk softly and "watch your language."
- Get in the habit of obeying the driver promptly. In case of emergency, remain in your seat until instructions are given by the driver.
- Learn how to evacuate your bus quickly.
- Report any damage to the bus to the driver.
- All students are responsible for any damage they cause to the bus.

After Leaving Bus:

- Move quickly away from the side of the bus, up onto the curb or off the roadway.
- When necessary to cross street or road – move 10 feet in front of bus, wait for the driver's signal, and move rapidly to the other the side. Never to the rear of the bus and cross street or road.

Parent Signature

Date