

School Bus Safety

"Don't Lose Your Riding Privilege"

FOLLOW THESE RULES:

- Observe same conduct as in the classroom
- Be courteous, use no profane language
- Do not eat or drink on the bus
- Keep the bus clean
- Cooperate with the driver
- Do not smoke
- Do not be destructive
- Stay in your seat
- Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus
- Bus driver is authorized to assign seats

HOW TO HELP THE BUS

DRIVER KEEP STUDENTS SAFE:

To help keep the school bus stop a safe and predictable area for kids and traffic, all students riding the bus must have been given student safe practices training. This training includes expected behavior at the bus stops, specific directions when crossing the road in front of the bus, boarding and departing directions, and passenger conduct on the bus when at bus stops. Students are expected to be at their designated stop and ready to board the bus 5 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time. The plan for every child when late to the bus stop - the bus door closes and the bus begins to proceed - is to get away from the bus. Then return home or to other agreed residence. Kids must not chase the bus, accept a ride to school from a stranger, hide or do anything else not prearranged with their parents. When weather makes it more convenient for students to wait in a vehicle or other protected area it is important that when the bus is approaching they immediately walk to their designated stop. The bus must not impede traffic any longer than necessary to promptly and safely board and depart students. Missing the bus is the least of the consequences that can occur when not following safe student practices. Please talk to your children about school bus safety, encouraging them to follow the bus driver's directions, including directions to follow safe student practices at their bus stop and when riding the school bus. Together we can help prevent school bus related injuries and fatalities.

Thank you for helping keep children safe,

Your bus driver



WHILE WAITING FOR THE BUS:

Be at the bus stop five minutes early - teach each child specifically what to do if the child misses the bus. Stay back from the road and no horseplay near the road or around the bus. Be observant of anything unusual - know the rules of preventing abductions. Wait for the driver to make eye contact and signal before crossing at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Groups should not cross until all are ready to cross, then should walk across together and after checking that the bus safety crossing lights are working. Wise children stay aware of traffic while crossing. Walk toward the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop and the bus door has opened. Board the bus promptly, politely, and quietly. Promptly choose a seat, stay seated, keep self and belongings out of the aisle and talk quietly. The bus door should not close until students have taken their seats and have cleared the aisle. It is important that buses maintain their schedule. Every effort should be made to keep the bus within five minutes of the posted schedule.

BUS SAFETY WHILE ON THE BUS:

1. Remain in your seat until the bus stops. Face forward during the entire ride.
2. Don't stand while the bus is moving.
3. Keep aisle clear of feet or bags.
4. Don't put head or arms out of an open window.
5. Don't throw objects outside or inside the bus.
6. Eating or drinking is not allowed on the bus.
7. Use handrails to exit the bus to prevent falls.
8. No pushing or shoving.
9. Don't hang over seats at any time.
10. Book bags should remain on backs or placed in laps while seated.
11. Keep pencils, paper, and books in book bag.
12. No unnecessary talking to the bus driver while moving.
13. Standing in step well is not allowed.
14. No glass objects allowed on the bus.
15. Keep shoes tied to prevent injury.
16. Ask permission to open windows.
17. Leave Emergency windows and doors alone.
18. Coats with strings should always be tied to prevent catching on other items.
19. Remain quiet while crossing railroad tracks.
20. Don't block emergency exits at any time.
21. Fighting or picking on others can cause distraction which causes risk for injury.

SAFETY OFF THE BUS:

1. If you drop something leave it, never attempt to get it.
2. If you forget something on the bus, never attempt to return to the bus.
3. Don't walk in close to the bus, or down the side or front of the bus.
4. Always walk in front of the bus.
5. Be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrives.
6. Always look both ways for traffic before crossing the road.