

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY – 2020-2021

Obey the bus driver!

Be waiting when the school bus arrives.

- Be at the school bus stop at least 5 minutes early. The driver will wait a maximum of two minutes at a stop.
- Wait quietly at the bus stop until the bus arrives.
- Don't be late! There are other children waiting at other bus stops to be picked up.
- Set a good example for the younger children and be willing to help them.
- Do not push or shove when getting on the bus.
- The driver may refuse to let large or potentially dangerous items on the bus.

Always use the handrails.

- Do not enter or leave the bus until the driver tells you to get on or off.
- Keep one hand free to grasp the railing.
- Leave a space between you and the child ahead of you.
- Do not push or shove at any time.

Take your seat promptly.

- The driver may assign permanent seating if necessary.
- Get in one seat and stay there.
- If the seat is vacant, slide over to the window so someone else can have a seat.
- Ask the bus driver where to put musical instrument or other large objects.
- Never act silly or show off on a school bus. Set a good example.

Keep aisle clear at all times.

- Never put arms, legs, or other objects in the aisle.
- Help the bus driver. Keep the bus clean.
- Pupils must not throw waste paper or other rubbish on the floor of the bus.
- No food, gum, or drinks are to be consumed while on the bus.
- No shooting or throwing of any kind of material within the bus or out the bus is allowed.
- The aisle must be kept clear for safety.
- Do not bring animals of any kind on the bus.

Stay seated until the bus stops.

- It is very dangerous to move around on a school bus when it is moving as there are a lot of hard steel materials in a bus. You could be thrown to the floor or slammed against the back of the seat if the bus stopped suddenly.
- Bring toys and balls in a paper sack. A ball could roll down the aisle and get caught under the brake pedal causing an accident.

Be quiet to avoid accidents.

- The only time you will be asked to be absolutely quiet is at a railroad crossing.
- The bus driver will stop; open the side window and the bus door. The bus driver will look both ways twice before crossing the track.
- Bus riders must be quiet because sometimes you can't see a train coming, but you can hear it.
- Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed by the students.
- Loud noise, loud talking or any other disturbance while on the bus will not be permitted. Any pupil who is guilty of unbecoming conduct, or using inappropriate language, of abusing or casting reflections upon the driver or upon other pupils, forfeits the right to ride on the bus.

Electronic devices may be played with the use of headphones.

Keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times.

- It is against the law to have any portion of your body or any object on the outside of the bus.

Cross streets only when it is safe.

- Look both ways for cars and be sure all traffic has stopped.
- Always cross in front of the bus and walk about ten (10) steps out in front of the bus so that you can see the driver and the driver can see you. If the driver is unable to see you, accidents are likely to occur.

Pupils will be delivered at their established drop-off unless a change is requested in writing by an administrator or the parent. If the requested change will alter the bus routes, the district may refuse the request.

Assertive Discipline Bus Consequences in One Day

First Offense:

- Verbal Warning

Second Offense:

- The driver will stop the bus.
- The driver will write down the name of the student and report the name to the principal.
- The student will be suspended from riding for one or two days after the student's parents has been contacted.

Third Offense:

- The driver will stop the bus.
- The driver will put a check by the student's name and report him to the principal.
- The student will be suspended from riding the bus for a minimum of three school days after the student's parents has been contacted.

Fourth Offense:

- The driver will stop at the nearest safe location with a phone.
- The driver will designate a student to call the school and request help.
- The bus will stay at the location until a teacher or administrator can come and pick up the disruptive student.
- The student will be suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the semester after the student's parents has been contacted.

FOR REPEAT (TWO OR MORE) BUS RIDING OFFENSES. THE ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN "SATURDAY SCHOOL" AS A DISCIPLINE ALTERNATIVE.

Severe Problem: Anytime a student creates a severe disturbance or creates a disturbance for several days, the driver can react as if the student committed his/her fourth offense,

Any damage to the bus is to be reported at once to the driver. Any student cutting or marking on the seats, floor, side panels, or any other part of the bus will be required to pay the full cost of restoration as well as being barred from riding the bus.