



## **School Bus Safety Rules**

1. The use of bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. If student conduct jeopardizes the safety of others, or is otherwise undesirable, this privilege may be denied.
2. All school rules apply while on the bus. Bus Conduct Reports are used to communicate inappropriate behavior to a student's school principal.
3. Video and audio cameras are in use on every bus.
4. Students may only use the school bus and designated stop assigned by the Transportation Department.
5. Students should arrive at their designated bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.
6. Students will be responsible for their behavior while at the bus stop. Please respect the property rights and privacy of others who live at or near the bus stop. For your safety, do not play in the road.
7. Students are to enter the bus one at a time and go directly to their assigned seat without delay, crowding or pushing. Students are to remain seated for the entirety of their ride.
8. The bus driver and/or school principal may adjust assigned seats at any time.
9. Students are to sit facing forward, keeping the aisle clear at all times. Back packs, lunch boxes, musical instruments, sports equipment, or any other items must be held on the student's lap or be secured in an empty seat. If this cannot be accomplished, the item is not permitted on the bus.
10. Students that live on the opposite side of the roadway from where the bus picks up or drops off should cross 10 feet in front of the bus once the bus has come to a complete stop and has activated its signals. Students who are exiting should cross the road immediately while the bus has stopped traffic. Always look left, right, and left again prior to crossing the road.
11. Students of all ages are permitted to exit the bus at their designated stop without a parent or guardian present.
12. Keep head, hands, and feet inside of the bus. Do not throw anything out of the window.
13. No eating or drinking at any time on the bus.
14. Help keep the bus clean. No littering, please.
15. No loud conversations, unnecessary noise, or inappropriate and disrespectful language (profanity) or gestures are permitted. Please use a quiet, conversational tone of voice.
16. Keep your hands to yourself. No hitting, pushing, spitting, biting, tripping, rough behavior, bullying, throwing items, or affectionate displays of emotion are permitted at any time.
17. Report graffiti, broken, and/or vandalized items to the bus driver as soon as possible. Damaging the bus will result in the student being charged for its repair. No tampering or touching of bus equipment is permitted. Never sit in the driver's seat.
18. Interaction with vehicles behind or beside the bus is not permitted (gesturing, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.).
19. Use of electronic devices is a privilege. Concerns linked to student use of electronic devices may result in the loss of such privileges for any student. Filming videos and taking pictures is not permitted on the bus.
20. Any item that may distract the driver's attention from the road is not permitted on the bus.