

School Bus Safety

Please review the following bus safety and conduct rules with your child. If a child's behavior is distracting to the bus driver or is potentially harmful to another child, verbal warnings followed by written bus conduct reports will be issued. This could lead to a suspension of bus privileges.

1. All students must wear their seat belts while the bus is in operation. (R.S. 39:3B-11). Please practice with your child putting on and taking off the seat belt. Never swing the loose ends of the belt. Keep fingers away from the parts that click together.
2. Directions by the driver must be obeyed at all times.
3. No eating or drinking is permitted on the school bus. Many students in our school district have been diagnosed with life threatening food allergies. Even if an allergen is consumed on the bus prior to the allergic student boarding, they could still be affected. If your child has had a nut product before coming to school, please be sure they have washed their hands thoroughly prior to arriving at the bus stop.
4. Students must be seated, facing forward, at all times when the bus is in motion. Aisles must be kept clear.
5. Care must be used when entering or exiting the bus. Students must not run, push or trip others.
6. No part of the student's body may stick out from a window opening, particularly their hands or head.
7. Students should not bring sharp objects or glass containers onto the school bus.

8. No objects may be thrown on the bus or out the window.
9. Fighting and excessive misbehavior of any kind will not be tolerated.
10. Exiting from the bus is only through the front door. In an emergency and at the driver's direction, the rear emergency exit may be used.
11. Students will keep the bus clean and in good, safe condition. Do not litter or deface the bus or bus equipment. Students will be responsible for any damage they cause.
12. Students must keep all personal belongings inside their backpack at all times (cell phones, headphones, toys, etc). Backpacks are to be kept on the students lap.
13. Students will refrain from using loud voices, profanity, and/or obscene gestures, and respect the rights and safety of others.
14. Bullying is NOT acceptable behavior and will not be tolerated on the school bus.
15. Be quiet when the bus is crossing the railroad tracks.
16. All play equipment must be put where the driver directs as the student's board the bus.
17. Bus drivers have the right to assign seats and grant permission to open the windows.
18. Animals may not be brought aboard the school bus.
19. Should a student miss getting off at his/her assigned bus stop, he/she is to stay on the bus and tell the driver.

20. Video cameras may be used to monitor activity within the vehicle. Video footage is reviewed by school officials only and is not available for parent viewing.

During the first few weeks of school, please be patient as parents, students, and staff familiarizes themselves with the busing process, especially on the first day as everyone wants a picture, a hug or a little extra time. Please have your child prepared to board the bus upon arrival. Similarly in the afternoon our staff takes great care to ensure all students are on the correct routes. Therefore, for the first few days of dismissal the buses will also be delayed.

Please review our Parent Handbook for additional information.

When Boarding the Bus

- Wait until the bus makes a complete stop, and the red lights of the bus are flashing before walking toward the bus to board.
- Crossing students should always walk in front of the bus and never behind it. If unsure of when to cross, look at the driver for a signal. Always cross at least 10 feet ahead of the bus.
- Pay attention and be alert to traffic. When getting on or off the bus, look both ways before stepping off the bottom step and before crossing the street.
- Know the danger zone and stay out of it. Areas within 10 feet to the front, back, and sides of a bus are considered the most dangerous spots.

