



BUS RULES & SAFETY

Safety is our Number 1 Priority in transporting students to and from school.

Please discuss these rules and safety guidelines with your student(s)

1. Obey the bus driver; be prompt and be respectful
2. Conduct on the bus should be the same as in the classroom, including tone of voice-don't yell, scream or use profane language
3. Remain seated at all times, facing the front with both feet on the floor. No standing while the bus is moving and stay in your assigned seat unless the driver instructs you to move
4. Keep the aisle clear of feet, arms and backpacks
5. Keep your head, hair, hands, feet and all belongings inside the bus at all times
6. Don't bring anything on the bus that is distracting or dangerous. We don't allow balloons, food or beverages, oversized instruments or athletic equipment, weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco in any form on the bus
7. Treat the driver and the bus with respect. Be courteous and respectful, don't fight, push or shove, don't write on or damage the bus seats and don't leave trash behind
8. **BE ON TIME!** You should be ready AND waiting for your bus at the stop at least 5 minutes in advance. Students should be waiting on their front porch, sidewalk or driveway, NOT in the roadway. The bus will stop and honk 3 times over the course of a very short time in order to stay on schedule. If you aren't ready the bus will NOT wait and you will be responsible for your own transportation to school that day. There are NO EXCEPTIONS!

9. Students are required to have written permission from a parent/guardian to ride the bus home with another student (i.e. Friday sleepover); please also contact the school office so they are aware.
10. Any long term or permanent changes in a pick-up/drop-off location must be requested in writing to the Transportation department by submitting the "Transportation Request" found on the Buses page of the website.
11. Wait until the bus comes to a full stop, the stop arm is extended and the door is open. The driver will make sure traffic is cleared and stopped, then motion for students to cross in front of the bus. Students should always look both ways before crossing the street.
12. Walk quickly, at least 10 feet in front of the bus, board the bus using the handrail, and walk quickly to the assigned seat.
13. Students are required to wear their seat belt on the bus. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Failure to wear their seatbelt may result in removal of bus privileges. Note that the student may also be ticketed for repeated failure to wear seat belt.

Consequences for not following rules may include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Student warned by the driver
- ✓ Parents notified by driver and/or Administrator
- ✓ Administration intervention and/or suspension of bus riding privileges