



## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT BUS RULES

- Stay seated with your seat belt buckled in your assigned seat designated by your bus driver.
- The school bus is an extension of the school. The same rules apply on the bus as in the classroom.
- The bus driver is in full charge of the bus. Students must obey the bus driver.
- Unnecessary conversation with the bus driver is dangerous. Please refrain from talking to your driver while the bus is in motion unless it is an emergency.
- Be at your assigned bus stop and ready to board 10 minutes before it is scheduled to arrive. Wait for your bus 10 minutes after it is scheduled to arrive as there might be traffic to cause your driver to run late.
- **Stay off the roadway at all times** while waiting for your bus. Students must exhibit appropriate behavior at the bus stop location.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before approaching and attempting to get on or off your bus.
- Leave the bus only with the consent of your bus driver.
- If it is necessary to cross the street after leaving the bus do so in the following manner:
  1. **Exit the bus 10 feet away from and 10 feet in front of the bus.**
  2. **Stop at the crossing arm. Look left, right and left again for traffic. Look at your driver, upon signal from the driver, proceed across the roadway. If your driver honks do not cross the road.**
- Children under the age of 10 years old must have a signed note by their parent or guardian to be released from the bus to walk home. If your child will be picked up by someone other than the legal parent or guardian, the Transportation Department and your bus driver must have a signed note stating the name of the person that will be picking up your child at the bus stop. The person that is picking up your child will need to provide identification to your bus driver.
- Keep head, arms, and all body parts inside the bus window at all times.
- Absolute silence is required when approaching or crossing railroad tracks.
- When police or emergency vehicles are approaching stay seated and silent.
- Exit the bus by the emergency door only when told to do so by the driver, or in case of an emergency involving the bus.
- Students may not enter the bus in the absence of the driver.
- Students must ride assigned bus and cannot board or depart the bus at any stop other than the students regular assigned bus stop. Emergency changes must be requested by the parent and approved by the principal or designee.
- It is a felony to throw any items out of windows. Parents and students will be held responsible.
- Parents and students will be held responsible for all vandalism.
- No signs will be displayed from the bus.
- Riding the school bus is a privilege. Please be respectful to your driver and your surrounding peers.
- The bus driver is in full charge of the bus and students must obey the driver.
- Students will keep arms, legs, head, and all body parts inside the bus.
- Eating, drinking, or chewing gum will not be allowed on the school bus.
- Anything that interferes with student safety will not be allowed. No fighting, profanity, abusive language, large or sharp objects, fireworks, balls, bats, or glass containers.