

## School Bus Conduct and Safety Rules

School Bus Safety is of paramount importance and requires everyone's cooperation. It is essential that all students exhibit proper conduct at all times. Riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right.

**Please remember that bus drivers can recommend the removal of a student from riding the bus if the behavior of the student is disruptive and/or disrespectful to other students and/or the bus driver. If a student is denied the bus riding privilege, it will be the parent's responsibility to provide transportation. No refunds will be given if a child is denied busing due to poor behavior.**

1. Obey the driver promptly and respectfully. For students' safety, the driver must devote his/her attention to driving, and students are expected to cooperate fully in maintaining order on the bus at all times. When the bus is moving, all students must be seated and buckled-up.
2. Walk safely when approaching or leaving bus stops. If there are no sidewalks, walk to the close to the side of the street facing oncoming traffic. If it is necessary to cross the street at the bus stop, cross only in front of the bus and only when signaled by the driver.
3. Avoid standing or playing in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
4. Respect property near bus stops. Damage may result in change or discontinuance of bus stops.
5. Be at the bus pick-up on time. **Drivers will not wait for students.**
6. Take your turn and avoid pushing when entering or leaving the bus.
7. Be seated promptly and be careful not to block the aisles. No one is permitted to save seats. Remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
8. Model classroom conduct is expected while on the bus. Loud voices and/or other misconduct that diverts the driver's attention may result in a serious accident. The driver has the same authority as a teacher, including assignment of seats.
9. Refrain from teasing, scuffling, and throwing objects.
10. Help keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly. Place refuse in the container at the front of the bus.
11. Eating and drinking are not permitted on the bus.
12. Be responsible for your own conduct. Improper conduct or failure to identify yourself to the driver when asked may result in loss of the bus-riding privilege.
13. If your child will be absent please let us know before 2:00 PM so we do not look for the child at the school and hold up the bus.