

## SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR CODE FOR BUS RIDERS

*Permission to ride a bus is conditional on the pupil's good behavior and observation of these regulations. Any pupil who violates the rules will be reported to the building principal and could be denied permission to ride a bus to and from school.*

### **Regulations for Students**

1. Follow the directions of the bus driver the first time they are given.
2. At no time will a student put hands, head or other parts of their body out the window.
3. Illegal substances and/or weapons are prohibited on the bus. Do not eat, chew or drink anything on the bus. The use of any tobacco products is prohibited. Items creating potentially unsafe situations are prohibited. i.e. Skateboards, glass containers, flower pots, fishing poles and equipment, etc.
4. Students who are involved in any horseplay, unruly behavior, cursing, obscene gestures or loud talking will be subject to disciplinary action.
5. Students must remain seated and facing the front of the bus until the bus reaches a complete stop.
6. Be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to scheduled bus arrival times. The bus can run 5 minutes either side of arrival times. Avoid running to catch the bus, as you may slip and fall under the vehicle.
7. While waiting for the bus, stay clear of the roadway to avoid being hit by passing cars.
8. Wait for the bus to stop before trying to board. If you must cross a road, wait for the driver to motion for you to cross. Always cross at least ten feet in front of the bus.
9. Please use the handrails when getting on or off the bus. Be extra careful when weather is wet or icy. The steps can be very slippery.
10. State regulations prohibit the transportation of any animals or insects on the bus.
11. All books and articles brought on the bus must be held in the lap. This includes musical instruments and sports equipment, etc. No objects will be permitted to block the emergency door or aisle or be placed around the driver's area. Oversized objects which require seating space will be permitted on the bus only by special permission.
12. Students will not be permitted to get off the bus at a place other than their regular stop, unless written permission is obtained through the building administrator or his/her designee and authorized by a parent or guardian.
13. Seats may be assigned to students. This is not necessarily a disciplinary action.
14. Do not throw anything out of the bus and be sure to keep your area clean.
15. Treat bus equipment with due respect. Any damage may result in suspension of riding privileges until restitution has been made. Restitution may be monetary and/or other disciplinary measures determined by the principal.
16. Absolute quiet at all railroad crossings is required. Your driver stops at crossings to listen for oncoming trains and your talking could drown out all warning signals.
17. Electronic equipment may be played on the bus only when the student uses headphones. Cell phones should be turned off.
18. Remember, the driver is there to ensure student safety. This is a serious responsibility. Please treat him or her with respect.
19. All students must carry a bus pass. Temporary bus passes will be provided by the school no more than 2 times per semester.