

# Bus Rules for Students

- When waiting for the bus, stand still and at least 10 feet away from the bus stop as the school bus approaches. **Never run toward the bus.**
- If your child has to cross the road-**ALWAYS** do so in front of the bus and **WAIT** until the driver signals to your child that it is safe to cross. As always, look both ways before crossing the street.
- Dropped books, papers, and toys should never be retrieved from under the bus. Let the driver know if something fell under the bus. The driver will be very happy to help.
- Loose strings, straps, or objects hanging from clothing or backpack can cause serious harm getting on and off the bus. Make sure everything is secure.
- **NEVER-EVER-RUN** after a moving bus (Chasing a bus)! If your child misses the bus, please call Transportation (812) 876-8537 right away and I may be able to get the driver to come back if possible.
- Do not remove items from your backpack while on the bus. These items can cause many problems.
- Always use “inside” voices when talking on the bus. Yelling, screaming, and loud talking can distract the driver from their most important job---driving the bus safely. The driver has the same authority in the bus as teachers have in the classroom. The school bus is an extension of a classroom.
- Stay in your seat. Moving around on the bus is dangerous.
- Keep your hands to yourself. Hitting, slapping, and play fighting are not allowed.
- Students must ride their assigned bus to and from school, due to capacity issues. **Students cannot ride another bus with friends, please make other arrangements.**
- Most buses are loaded to capacity with students assigned a specific seat. Additional students could cause an overloaded condition on the bus.
- Students may only board and disembark the school bus at their designated stop. Walking to another bus stop within a route is dangerous and not allowed. Once students are on board, they may not disembark at any location other than their designated stop or at the school. There are safety and legal reasons for this.

- Assigned Seats- Driver's will assign seats on the bus for all students, this is to ensure the safety of the passengers. Students are expected to sit in their assigned seat.
- Eating and/or drinking on the bus is not allowed, due to allergies of other students. All food and/or drink must be disposed of before boarding the bus.
- The aisle of a school bus must be kept free of objects that can obstruct an emergency evacuation of the bus. Any large object that cannot be held on a student's lap is not permitted on the school bus.
- If you have a problem on the bus, let the driver or the Transportation office know immediately so he/she can help you.
- Always listen and follow the directions of the Bus Driver.
- Use of cell phones and other electronic devices is permitted at the driver's discretion. If the device is used to listen to music, earbuds **MUST** be worn at all times. If the use of technology is allowed on the bus, the driver may withdraw that privilege if it is being abused. **Taking pictures and/or video is strictly forbidden on the bus, a violation of this policy will result in an immediate loss of all electronic privileges and the possibility of suspension off of the bus.**
- It is the parents responsibility to ensure the safety of the student from home to the bus stop and from the bus stop to home.