

BUS CONDUCT AND SAFETY RULES Grades K-12

1. The **driver is in full charge** of the bus and the children being transported. He/she is **required to enforce all rules and regulations** adopted by the school authorities for the conduct of students riding the bus, as well as all DMV rules.
2. Students should be at the bus stop approximately **10 minutes before the scheduled time**. While waiting for the bus, respect your neighbor's property – don't play tag or run into the street. Inappropriate behavior of a student at a bus stop may result in disciplinary action.
3. Line up single file in front of the bus door. Always use the handrail when boarding the bus and avoid crowding or disturbing others. Students must take a seat when they enter the bus, and **remain seated at all times** while the bus is in motion.
4. Students must not, at any time, extend their arms or head out of the bus window, nor may they open a window without the permission of the driver.
5. Indecent or profane language, loud or disturbing talking, or unnecessary conversation with the driver is expressly prohibited.
6. Students must not throw any articles in or out of the bus.
7. Pupils shall enter and leave the bus only at the front door except in cases of emergency.
8. Upon arrival at school, let your classmates at the front of the bus get off first.
9. When exiting the bus, **move away from the bus where the driver has a better view to see you**. Pupils may, after exiting the bus, cross the highway, if necessary, in front of the bus. Look for the bus driver to **signal that the traffic has halted** and it is safe to cross in front of the bus. It is the **responsibility of the pupil** to cross the highway safely, after the driver's signal, looking both ways, while the bus remains stationary.

10. Students are not permitted to possess or transport on school property any firearm, knife, explosive, martial arts weapon, other dangerous instruments, or facsimile of any firearm or knife. School property includes any authorized vehicle used by the Board of Education for school transportation.
11. The use of tobacco, drugs or any controlled substance in any form on a school bus is prohibited by state law.
12. All rules and regulations pertaining to bus behavior and procedures are also in force for any school field trips, athletic trips or any other school-sponsored activities.
13. Students who damage or deface any bus or equipment on the bus will be held liable for such damage.
14. **Students are not permitted to eat or drink while riding the bus.** This is because of choking hazards as well as food allergies. Parents of students with diabetes should call their school nurse.
15. The possession of laser pointers on school grounds, school-operated vehicles or school-related functions is prohibited. Students who violate this rule are subject to disciplinary actions.

