

# **Instructions to School Bus Riders**

School bus riders, while in transit, are under the jurisdiction of the school bus driver unless the local board of education designates another adult to supervise the riders.

It is recommended that all riders, parents of riders and teachers become thoroughly familiar with the following recommendations governing school bus riders. This may be accomplished by giving each student a copy of "Instructions to School Bus Riders."

Administrators and parent-teacher organizations may wish to hold school bus transportation meetings throughout the school year.

REMEMBER: These instructions should be followed to insure the safety and well-being of all students on the bus and to assist the driver in the safe operation of the school bus vehicle

- 1. Students should follow directions of the school bus driver the first time they are given.**
- 2. Students should not be allowed to eat or drink while riding the school bus for safety reasons.**
- 3. Students should be discouraged from using cell phones and electronic devices while riding on the school bus.**
- 4. Be on time at the designated school bus stop; help keep the bus on schedule.**
- 5. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.**
- 6. Be careful in approaching the place where the bus stops. Do not move toward the bus until the bus has been brought to a complete stop.**
- 7. Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.**
- 8. Be alert to a danger signal from the driver.**
- 9. Remain in the bus in the event of a road emergency until instructions are given by the driver.**
- 10. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus. Do not throw anything out the bus windows.**
- 11. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion divert the driver's attention and could result in a serious accident.**

- 12. Be absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing stop.**
- 13. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.**
- 14. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.**
- 15. Carry no animals on the bus.**
- 16. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.**
- 17. Leave no books, lunches or other articles on the bus unless instructed to do so.**
- 18. Be courteous to fellow pupils and the bus driver.**
- 19. Help look after the safety and comfort of smaller students.**
- 20. Do not ask the driver to stop at places other than the regular bus stop. The driver is not permitted to do this except by proper authorization from a school official.**
- 21. Observe safety precautions at discharge points. Where it is necessary to cross the highway, proceed to a point at least 10 feet in front of the bus on the right shoulder of the highway where traffic may be observed in both directions. Then wait for a signal from the bus driver permitting you to cross.**
- 22. Observe the same rules and regulations on other trips under school sponsorship as you observe between home and school. Respect the wishes of the chaperone appointed by the school.**

REMEMBER: Your safety on the school bus depends on how well you conduct yourself on the school bus as well as how the driver performs his or her responsibilities. There are consequences for breaking bus-riding rules, and you can lose your bus-riding privileges as a result of breaking the rules. The driver also has rules that must be followed and unsafe driving practices or inappropriate conduct should be reported to the school superintendent or principal.