

Welcome back TO SCHOOL

Follow traffic laws

- All lanes of traffic must stop for a school bus when the red lights above the windows are flashing— including residential streets, divided highways and school property. You may not pass a school bus when red lights are on unless waved on by a school bus driver or a police officer. The bus driver uses a signal to let children know its safe to cross the road. Do not confuse these signals as an okay to pass the bus.
- The amber lights are a warning that the bus is about to stop to pick up or discharge students. You should slow down and prepare to stop. Be cautious, children may be coming from anywhere.
- School buses carrying passengers may not turn right on red.
- School buses must come to a complete stop at all railroad crossings.

Danger Zones

Please take a few moments before school opens this year to go over the danger zones with your child(ren).

FRONT OF BUS – Only when the child is 10 feet in front of the bus is that child out of the danger zone. Under no circumstances should a child go back to retrieve a dropped article.

SIDE OF BUS – If a student can touch the bus as he/she walks along beside it, he/she is too close to the bus.

REAR OF BUS – *Never* cross or go behind the bus. Here students are totally out of the driver's view and the view of oncoming motorists.

Late runs

Maps are posted in the respective schools showing late bus coverage areas. Late bus routes cover the entire attendance zone with far fewer buses than the regular arrival/dismissal. Student drop off locations may be much further from home than their regular bus stop. **STUDENT MAY NOT RIDE LATE BUSES WITHOUT A WRITTEN BUS PASS.**

Teach safety

Help protect your children by teaching them our bus safety rules. The more often they hear them, the more likely they are to remember. With your cooperation, we can maintain our excellent safety record.

- Before crossing the road, students should look at the bus driver, wait for the signal to go, check both directions for oncoming traffic, then cross 10 feet in front of the bus.
- In emergencies, students should exit the bus from the front door, back door or emergency windows.
- Students should know where the fire extinguisher, two-way radio, first aid kit, and emergency exits are on the bus. If they don't, ask the bus driver.
- Students should remain in seats and keep hands and feet inside the bus and out of the aisle.
- Students should move in when someone needs a seat, keep hands to themselves, not use obscene language, and respect others and their property.
- Students should not throw snowballs at the bus or bring snow on the bus.
- When waiting for the bus, students should wait quietly and stand back from the corner.
- Students should let substitute drivers know where their stop is and whether or not they must cross the road.

Bus stops

Please make sure that your child is at the bus stop, ready to board bus when it arrives at the stop. Students should be at their bus stop **5** minutes prior to regular arrival of the bus. If the bus stop is in front of your home (busy traffic roadways, etc.), your child must be outside waiting for the bus. Students not visible to the driver on approach to the stop risk missing the school bus. If students miss the school bus it is the responsibility of the parents to transport them to school.

Bus behavior

It is expected that all students will exhibit proper bus behavior at all times. Remember, riding the bus is a privilege.

For your safety!

- 1** KEEP NOISE LEVEL DOWN
- 2** BAD LANGUAGE IS NOT ALLOWED
- 3** BE COURTEOUS - RESPECT ONE ANOTHER
- 4** STAY IN YOUR SEAT - KEEP AISLE CLEAR
- 5** KEEP HEAD, HANDS AND FEET INSIDE THE BUS
- 6** FIGHTING IS NOT ALLOWED
- 7** VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
- 8** BACKPACKS MUST REMAIN CLOSED AND ON YOUR LAP AT ALL TIMES
- 9** HELP DRIVER KEEP BUS CLEAN - NO FOOD OR DRINK
- 10** NO UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS OR STOPS