

Bus and Bus Stop Rules

STUDENT SAFETY on the school buses and at the bus stops is a major priority. Parents are encouraged to monitor student behavior going to and returning from the bus stops and at the bus stop locations. Students' behavior on the bus that endangers others will not be tolerated. The state law authorizes the proper discipline of students going to and returning from school. "As a general rule, this authority to discipline extends to pupils on their way to or from school if such conduct directly affects the good order and welfare of the school." (1960-61 Op. Att'y. Gen. 274) Principals stress to students that they are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times and that failure to do so going to and from school may result in disciplinary action described in this Handbook. All carry-on items (i.e. book bags, backpacks, etc.) should be held on laps or placed under the seat. Carryon items must not take a seat required for another student. School projects and band instruments are exempted. Students may ride a different bus and be dropped off at a different bus stop only with administrative approval. Disciplinary action may be taken against students who purposely board or exit a bus at a stop other than the assigned stop. Students are expected to observe the following rules for safety and courtesy on the bus and at the bus stop

At the Bus Stop

- Arrive at the assigned stop 5 minutes before bus pickup
- Be prepared to board 5 minutes prior to/or after scheduled arrival
- Be visible (i.e. stand on the sidewalk or the edge of the street by the curb
- Stay off private property
- Do not stand on the traveled part of the road
- Be respectful and watchful of traffic
- Wait quietly and orderly On the Bus

On the Bus

- Remain seated at all times
- Cooperate with the driver and practice orderly conduct
- No profanity or obscene behavior
- No smoking
- No eating or drinking
- No vandalism
- No body parts outside bus
- No live animals
- No unsafe objects or weapons
- No throwing items from the bus or on the bus
- No glass
- No balloons
- No skateboards When the Bus Arrives

When the Bus Arrives

- Allow the bus to come to a complete stop
- Board the bus in a quiet and orderly manner

Leaving the Bus

- Cross in front of the bus leaving the Bus
- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Leave in an orderly manner
- Leave only at your assigned stop