

## BUS RIDER RULES

### I. Previous to loading (on the road and at school)

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stops; keep the bus on schedule. Bus drivers shall wait for a pupil at any given bus stop no more than a reasonable length of time to allow the child to get to the bus.

2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Bus riders conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting.

3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.

4. Be careful in approaching bus stops.

5. Bus riders are not permitted to move toward the bus at the school loading zone until the buses have been brought to a complete stop.

6. Animals, firearms, explosives, or anything of a dangerous nature shall not be transported on the bus.

7. It must be understood that in case of inclement weather, poor road conditions or any other specific reason the bus driver must make the decision as to whether to omit all, or part of a trip.

### II. While on the bus

1. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus.

2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.

3. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident. (Low conversation is permissible on the school bus, except when stopping for a train crossing.)

4. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender. It should be understood that children and parents are to be held financially responsible for mutilation and destruction of school property and equipment.

5. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.

6. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisles.

7. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
8. Do not throw anything out of the bus window, and definitely NO THROWING OF OBJECTS WITHIN THE BUS.
9. Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
10. There is to be no smoking on the bus.
11. Misconduct is not permitted around or on the school bus. Seats may be assigned to pupils if the driver feels it is necessary. No roughhousing or boisterous conduct shall be permitted on the bus. This includes profane language.
12. Bus riders are expected to be courteous to fellow pupils, the bus driver, and the patrol officers or driver's assistant.

### III. After leaving the bus

1. Cross the road, when necessary, after getting off the bus (at least ten feet in front of the bus) but only after looking to be sure that no traffic is approaching from either direction.
2. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
3. Be alert to the danger signal from the driver.
4. The driver will not discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stop at the home or at school unless by proper authorization from the parent or school official.

IV. THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING ON THE BUS IS CONDITIONED on behavior and observance of the above rules. Drivers are authorized to enforce rules and make suggestions in line with GOOD CITIZENSHIP. Public transportation is a privilege granted to pupils just as long as they cooperate and respect the rights of others. The most important factor in bus transportation is safety. When an individual ignores the rules and endangers the safety, not only of himself but also of his or her fellow passengers, the school directors will not hesitate to suspend the bus riding privilege.

1. An infraction of above rules will result in suspension of bus riding privileges for a period of time.
2. Another infraction may result in the permanent loss of bus riding privileges.
3. Any loss of bus riding privileges and the responsibility of transportation rest with the parents.
4. While the above rules serve as a guide, other infractions will be considered individually and immediate action taken to insure that this type of improper behavior does not occur again.