

## BUS RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Troy School District Transportation Department strives to provide safe and dependable transportation. Please know that the bus time can be affected by traffic and bad weather. The driver will make every effort to be at the stop at the assigned time. Please note: all students should be ready to board the bus  $\underline{5}$  <u>minutes before their scheduled picked up time</u>.

All bus stop times are estimated and are subject to change as necessary. If the time change is within the "five minute" window, you will not be notified. DO NOT WAIT IN YOUR VEHICLE UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES. For safety reasons, after the bus has left your child's assigned stop, <u>do not attempt to chase</u> <u>the bus for any reason</u>.

For both safety and consideration of others, please observe the following school bus conduct rules:

Students should only cross in front of the bus.

While on the bus:

- Walk to your seat
- Sit facing forward
- Keep your feet on the floor
- Remain seated at all times
- Drivers have the right to assign seats for inappropriate conduct.
- Share your seat willingly. There is room for up to 3 students on one seat.

- Keep the aisles clear.
- Please keep all items that you bring on the bus on your lap.

Please do not bring the following items on the school bus:

- Pets or other animals
- Glass containers or other fragile items
- Aerosol cans
- Balloons
- Other items that can become projectiles
- Food and beverages cannot be consumed on the bus
- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait for him/her on the same side where the bus unloads and not across the street. In his/her excitement to see you, your child may dash across the street, forgetting to follow the safety rules.

## For Parents/Guardians

The safety of your student is a shared responsibility. It is your responsibility to get your child safely on the bus. Please take reasonable and necessary precautions to ensure your child's safety when walking to or from the bus stop and while waiting for the bus to come. The District's responsibility begins when your child boards the District vehicle.

In addition to ensuring that your child gets safely to and from the bus, the following are parent/guardian responsibilities:

- Know the time and location of your child's scheduled pick up and drop off.
- Elementary parents, it is your responsibility to be sure someone is home for your child and they know of an alternative arrangement in the event you are not home.
- Kindergarten students need an adult present at stop or a note that older sibling is responsible at drop off time.
- Students must have a note signed by both the parents and school office to either ride another bus or get off at another stop.
- Keep animals away from the loading areas.
- Make sure your child knows and follows the bus code of conduct.

Together, we can make this a transportation safe year. Thank you for your cooperation and support.