

## Bus Rules

It is **crucial** that students maintain an orderly atmosphere on each bus. Safety is paramount. Distractions cause the drivers to divert attention from the road. Older students are expected to provide leadership at the bus stop and during the bus ride.

1. Be at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to bus arrival.
2. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching.
3. Each student is allowed to carry onto the bus only items that can fit safely in his or her lap. (This includes instruments, projects and backpacks.)
4. Enter the bus in an orderly manner and find your seat quickly.
5. Always follow the instructions of the bus driver.
6. Stay in your seat while the bus is moving. Do not change seats. Wait for the bus to stop before standing to get off.
7. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
8. Keep the aisle clear of all parts of your body and of carry on items.
9. Talk quietly. No swearing.
10. Keep all parts of your body to yourself. Keep all objects to yourself.
11. No eating or drinking on the bus.
12. The Woodbridge Board of Education bullying policy is in effect on the school bus as well as in school.
13. The school bus ride is an extension of the school day at Beecher Road School. Students are expected to conduct themselves in the same appropriate manner on the bus as they do in the school building.

14. No electronic items are allowed on the bus including, but not limited to, cell phones, iPods, hand held video games, etc.

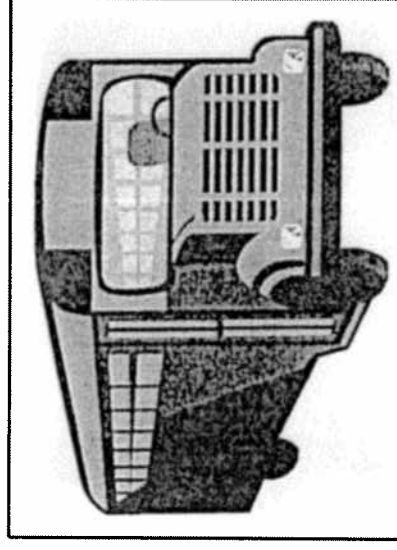
## **Beecher Road School Bus Rules & Regulations 2014-2015**

### Consequences

Level 1 - The bus driver works with the student to correct a behavior problem. The driver will remind the student of his/her responsibility to follow the guidelines.

Level 2 - The bus driver will file a bus behavior form with the office. The principal, with the proper written documentation, will discuss the misbehavior. Modifications for the inappropriate behavior will be developed and implemented.

Level 3 - parents are phoned and the student is removed from the bus for a period of time to be determined by the school administration. Remember **Riding the bus is a privilege.**



## Board of Education Policy

### Bus Routes/Bus Stops

The Board of Education desires to provide an effective, efficient, and safe transportation system.

Bus routes shall be established under the direction of the Superintendent. The establishment of bus routes shall take into consideration time on the road, hazardous conditions, crossing highways, distribution of students, and other safety factors. Safety of students shall be a primary consideration.

The designation of bus stops shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent. Safety shall be determined by road visibility, waiting areas for students, distance from the bus stop to the home, walking terrain to the stop, and other such pertinent factors. Beecher Road School encourages parents to walk their children to the bus stops.

The maximum walking distance from home to a designated bus stop shall be one half mile for kindergarten and first grade pupils, and one mile for second through sixth grade pupils.

### Dead-end or Cul-de-sac Roads

- a. These roads will be traversed if the distance to the farthest house in which a Beecher Road School student resides is greater than .5 mile (grades K-2 or .8 mile (grades 3-6).
- b. These roads may be traversed if the road is to be used for a bus turn-around.
- c. Students who reside on such roads will be picked up at the junction of the road and the nearest thoroughfare.

### Thoroughfares

a. For thoroughfares that are state highways with posted speeds at or above 40 mph, students will be picked up and discharged at or near the driveway of their residence to avoid a student having to cross the state highway.

b. For thoroughfares that are relatively major traffic arteries, but not state highways, specifically Newton Road, Peck Hill Road, and Northrop Road, children will be picked up and discharged at or near the driveway of their residence **when sight lines for a child are inadequate.**

Students will be asked to cross these highways to board or disembark from the bus **when sight lines are adequate.**

### Kindergarten

If older students are present at the bus stop, kindergarten children will be picked up at their neighborhood bus stop.

In the absence of older students at a designated bus stop, kindergarten students will be picked up and disembarked at a point as near as possible to the driveway to their home.

### Bus Changes

Since most buses are at or near capacity, the changing of buses will not be allowed except for childcare. Parent(s) who need to request a bus change **for childcare purposes only** must make a written request to the Beecher Road School Transportation Committee.

Written requests should include:

- A. The purpose and duration of request.
- B. The contact person at the childcare facility.

Requests must be made one week prior to the beginning date.

We will attempt to honor all childcare requests.

### Bus Concerns

Should there be a bus concern that needs to be addressed by the administration; the following procedure will be used:

- All concerns must be submitted in writing to the Beecher Road School Transportation Committee.
- All concerns will be reviewed in a timely fashion by the committee.
- Parent(s) will be notified in writing within 14 days of receipt of concern.