



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, there are a few reminders we would like to share in regards to our students riding the bus to and from school. Riding the school bus is a privilege. At this time, we would like to remind all of our families who rely on school bus transportation, about bus safety.

Please take time to discuss this page with your child tonight and again on a regular basis. You may wish to keep this on your refrigerator or somewhere you can access it regularly.

Please be aware that at times, the bus may arrive late at your stop in order to pick up or drop off your child.

The bus safety rules are there to protect your child, the driver and all other children so that they may have a safe ride home.

- Children are to remain seated in their assigned seats at all times.
- Children are required to wear their masks at all times.
- Students should show respect for the school bus driver at all times and follow their instructions promptly.
- Children may talk quietly and only to those sharing their seat.
- Cell phone usage is prohibited while on the school bus.
- Children must keep their hands and feet to themselves.
- Students are to board and exit the school bus only at their assigned bus stop.
- Feet must stay out of the aisles so that no one falls during frequent stops.
- Hands and objects must stay in the bus and not out the window.
- Backpacks/Bags are to be placed on their laps or on the floor in front of their seat.
- Food, gum or drinks are NOT to be consumed on the school bus at any time.
- No throwing objects and toys including electronic games are to be left at home and not played with on the bus.
- Students are to remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Parents/guardians should NEVER board the bus. If you have a concern, please contact the school.

By following these simple rules, children demonstrate safe practices and respect for the driver and their fellow passengers. Bus reports are written up by the driver for individuals who are acting unsafe on the bus. They are reviewed with your child by Ms. Hawkins and then sent home to be reviewed between you and your child. These are to be signed and returned to Ms. Hawkins the next school day.

It is important that you are aware that bus riding privileges will be removed from your child if they continue to demonstrate the inability to be safe on the school bus. Students will be suspended for a length of time from the bus or, in some instances; the privilege to ride the bus will be removed for the remainder of the school year.

Our concern is for the safety of your child and all the other children on the bus. The time you invest in discussing bus safety with your child will make a difference in making the ride to and from school a safe and more pleasant one. Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Tangela Scales, Principal