



# EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Safety is our first priority. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions, or events.

To ensure the safety of all riders, please review the following guidelines below with your child. Please be sure to sign and return your Shuttle Registration Form so we have an accurate list of ridership and ensure safety of all riders.

## **Transportation Safety Rules - Shuttles**

Riding the bus is a privilege based on good behavior. Inappropriate behavior on the bus or at the bus stop location may result in denial of this privilege. The following rules have been adopted to help assure the safe transport of students to and from school.

1. Students should be at their assigned pick up location 5-10 minutes prior to their scheduled time of departure.
2. Parents of young students should always accompany their children and be present for pick up and drop off each day.
3. Students must remember that loud talking and laughing divert the driver's attention and make safe driving difficult.
4. There shall be no shouting, horseplay, throwing of objects or spitting on the bus or out the window.
5. Courtesy shall always be shown to schoolmates and drivers.
6. Drinking and eating is prohibited on the bus.
7. The driver shall have full authority, and if necessary, may assign seats.
8. Students must NEVER leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
9. Students abusing or destroying property will be held responsible and the parents will pay for the cost of damage. CT laws hold parents liable for damage done by their children.
10. The bus is to be kept clean.

*East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.*