

BUS RULES



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AT THE BUS STOP:

- Be 5-10 minutes early. Don't be late the bus won't wait
- Wait for the bus in a safe location away from the roadway
- Watch for the bus red lights
- Wait for the driver to signal to cross
- Cross 10 feet in front of the bus
  - Walk ten giant steps beyond the bumper of the bus until you can see the driver.
  - Go to the edge of the bus. stop, look, and listen.
  - Cross safely. (Walk straight across, not on an angle.)

If not clear, or if the driver sounds the horn or tells you to stop, return to the bus side of the road.
Begin these steps again.

- Cross and keep checking for traffic



UNIVERSAL CROSSING SIGNAL:

ON THE BUS:

1. NEVER place your head, hands, or arms out of a window.
2. Keep all backpacks and feet out of the center aisle.
3. Help keep the bus clean
    - NO throwing papers or other trash on the floor or seats.
4. Do not make any marks on seats, sides or windows of the bus.
5. Follow ALL of the driver's instructions.
6. Kindergarteners ALWAYS sit in the front rows
7. At railroad crossings, be quiet.
8. Stay seated until your stop.
9. Do not go into the road for any reason
    - If you lose something in the road, tell the bus driver or your parent/guardian.
10. At your stop, wake any sleeping children you see and tell the driver what seat they are in
11. Tell driver if you are being bullied
12. Do not depart the bus at any stop other than your assigned stop without written permission.
13. **If you forget to depart the bus at your stop, tell the driver right away**

*For younger children K-grade 3, ask the driver for a copy of the rules poster for them to take home and point out the location of the rules posters in the bus.

*Permission for a change in bus or stop may be obtained from the Transportation Department Forms page.

*Emergency situations will be handled through the building principal's office.

*Busses carrying elementary school children can sit up to 72 students 3 to a seat 3 seatbelts

*NYS Regulations https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/school-bus-safety