

School Bus Ridership Guide



At the Bus Stop

1.

Arrive early

Students should arrive at the bus stop **5 minutes** ahead of their scheduled time to avoid missing the bus.

2.

Stay away from the road

Students should stand back from the road until the bus comes to a **complete stop** and the door is fully open.

3.

Be aware

Students, parents, siblings and everyone present at the bus stop should be aware that the bus stop is **not a place to play**.

Boarding the Bus



Be patient

Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the door to open fully before approaching.



Watch your step

The first step up onto the bus is taller than a stair step. Look down to ensure solid footing on the first step.



Use the handrails

Riders should use the handrails when boarding to help prevent slips and falls, especially in wet or snowy weather.



Take a seat

Proceed directly to a seat and make sure all belongings are out of the aisle. Students should sit in their assigned seats.

While Riding the Bus



Don't distract the driver

Avoid making loud noises or other behaviors that may require the driver to divert their attention from the road.



Stay fully inside the bus

Students should never put objects or body parts outside of the window.



Keep aisles clear

All belongings and body parts are to remain out of the aisle. Items too large to be contained within a seat shall not be transported.



Electronics are OK

Personal electronic devices, including cell phones, are permitted when used quietly and responsibly.



Keep it clean

Dispose of any trash in the trash can as you exit the bus.



Food and drink

Water is allowed on the bus.



The bus is still school

The bus ride is an extension of the regular school day. Regular school day rules apply to your time on the bus as well.

Exiting the Bus

Take your stuff

Collect all belongings and prepare to unload prior to the bus arriving at your stop.

Don't move too soon

Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop before standing and moving toward the exit door.

Clear the bus

Depart the bus and move several large steps away from the vehicle.

Be visible

Stay toward the front of the bus, visible to the driver, until after the bus pulls away. If a student drops something, attempt to alert the driver rather than trying to retrieve the item.

Safe crossing

Students crossing the street should do so several large steps in front of the stopped bus to maximize visibility of vehicles that may be coming from either direction.

Look both ways

State law requires vehicles driving in both directions to stop for a bus that is loading or unloading passengers but students should not rely on them to stop.

Let it go

If items are left on the bus, do not chase after the bus. Call transportation and ask them to hold your items for you to pick up.

