

# Student's Responsibilities

## THE DO'S

1. Respect the bus driver. Always obey the driver promptly, be courteous to him/her and to other students. The driver is in charge of the bus and has the same authority as a classroom teacher.
2. Be at your bus stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time. The bus cannot wait for those who are late.
3. Stand a safe distance from the bus (10 feet) until it comes to a safe stop.
4. Ride your assigned bus.
5. Get on and off the bus at your designated bus stop.
5. Sit facing the front of the bus and talk quietly. Screaming, yelling or improper language is not permitted on the bus.
7. Remain in your seat throughout the ride and keep the aisle clear.
3. Help keep the bus clean and orderly. Don't damage or abuse the equipment.
3. Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
10. If you must cross the road to reach your bus stop, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, as you approach. Upon leaving the bus, walk around the front of the bus and STOP before crossing. Wait for your bus driver's signal that it is safe. He/she will make sure the road is clear of all traffic or that all traffic has come to a complete stop before telling you to cross.
11. Crossing guards are stationed at some locations to help you. Whenever you can, cross where guards are present. Students are not to stand in the middle of the roadway, direct traffic or assist other students in crossing the road.
12. Look both ways and make sure all traffic has stopped before crossing the street to your bus stop.

## THE DO NOT'S

1. Never stand in, or play on the road while waiting for the bus.
2. Never get on (or off) the bus while it is in motion, and keep a safe distance away until the bus comes to a full stop.
3. Don't crowd to get in, or disturb others who are already seated.
4. Keep out of the driver's seat.
5. Don't call out to passers-by.
6. Do not eat or drink on the bus. Due to food allergies, food items must be kept in lunch box, bag, backpack or closed container.
7. Don't open the bus window without permission from the driver and never put your arms or head outside the window.
8. Don't leave the bus without the driver's permission, except on arrival at your regular bus stop or at school.
9. Don't tamper with emergency doors, controls, or windows.
10. Never throw anything out of, or around the bus.
11. Smoking and bad language are not allowed.
12. Fighting, harassment or intimidation will not be tolerated.
13. Spitting, obscene gestures and indecent exposure are unacceptable.
14. Large items can't be permitted on the bus if they interfere with the driver's vision, other passengers, the aisle or exits. The rule of thumb is, if the item is too big to carry on your lap, it is too big to take on the bus.
15. Unauthorized individuals (students or adults) cannot enter the bus. Any concerns you may have with a driver or student must be discussed with the building administrator and/or the bus contractor or transportation department.