Bus Safety Guidelines

BUS RULES

Bus transportation is planned so that there is enough room on each bus to accommodate only those children assigned to the bus; therefore, children are not allowed to change buses.

Only in cases where the principal determines that health, safety or other substantive issues are at stake may a transfer be made, and only then with the expressed consent of the principal.

BUS SAFETY

To help ensure the safety of the children while they are being transported, school personnel conduct bus evacuation drills and give classroom safety instruction during the school year.

Students are expected to follow all bus rules and parents should review the following bus rules with their children:

- Plan to be at the bus stop in time for the bus.
- Follow the directions of the driver immediately.
- Use sidewalks where available.
- Stay back from the road while waiting for the bus.
- Respect one another and the property of others.
- Stay completely clear of the bus while it is moving.
- Form an orderly line to board the bus.
- Use the handrail going up the stairs.
- Find a seat immediately.
- Share your seat with another student.
- Remain seated at all times.
- Talk quietly and respect everyone on the bus.
- Keep the aisles clear.
- No food/drink permitted on the bus.
- Keep arms, heads, and objects inside the bus.
- Ask permission from the bus driver before opening or closing windows.
- Wait for the bus to completely stop before leaving your seat to get off the bus.
- Use the handrail going down the stairs.
- Always cross in front of the bus and do not cross busy streets unless instructed by the bus driver.
- Never attempt to return to the bus once you leave unless instructed to do so by the bus driver.
- Use of cell phones and other personal devices with video imaging capabilities is prohibited.

School Bus Carry-On Items: The interior of the bus must be free of objects that can cause injury. Objects must be secured, and the aisles, foot wells, and emergency exits must be kept open and free of blockage.

The following must be adhered to at all times: Carry-on items including musical instruments and sporting equipment must be carried/held in a student's lap. Small items less than 10 inches in width and height may be placed under the student's seat on the floor. Any instrument in a case that the student cannot hold securely on his/her lap and/or is over 30 inches in height and/or 14 inches in width.

Students being transported on a school bus are under the supervision, direction, and control of the school bus driver, and shall be subject to the discipline of the bus driver. Bus drivers adhere to the

Department of Education regulations for school bus drivers. In order to promote safety, school buses may be equipped with audio-video monitors. Please speak with the principal if you have any questions about discipline on the bus.

Students who disregard bus safety rules may be assigned a specific seat and/or have their individual riding privileges suspended. The principal, as a result of an investigation or on the recommendation of the bus driver, may remove a student for a period not to exceed five (5) days.

A longer suspension and/or termination of bus privileges may be recommended for continued offenses.