



Student Bus Riding Expectations

2026-27 School Year

WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS

1. Students should arrive at their bus stop **at least 5 minutes before** the scheduled pickup time. They must be standing at their **Designated Place of Safety**, which is assigned by the bus driver and located on the **residence side of the street**. **Students should not wait inside vehicles or homes** for the bus to arrive. In accordance with Ohio law, students must be present at their Designated Place of Safety before the bus arrives. This allows the driver to count all students at the stop both **before boarding** and **as they board**, ensuring everyone's safety. **Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a written warning and could lead to a suspension of bus riding privileges.**
2. Students must load the bus in an orderly fashion and proceed directly to their assigned seat so the bus may safely resume motion.

RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

To ensure a safe and respectful environment, students must follow these expectations while riding the bus:

- Remain seated at all times, keeping aisles and exits clear.
- Exhibit classroom-appropriate behavior and follow the driver's instructions promptly and respectfully.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus unless medically necessary.
- Do not throw or pass objects on, or from the bus.
- Keep heads, arms, and all body parts inside the bus at all times.
- Keep noise levels low to avoid distracting the driver.

EXITING THE SCHOOL BUS

1. Students shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
2. Students shall exit the bus in an orderly fashion and proceed to their Designated Place of Safety.
3. Ohio Law requires that students remain at their Designated Place of Safety until the bus leaves. They **SHOULD NOT** proceed to cars or their homes until the bus has left. The drivers will count the students as they exit the bus and before they leave to ensure all students are safe. **Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a written warning and could lead to a suspension of bus riding privileges.**