



2023-2024 School Year Bus Safety Information

AT THE BUS STOP:

- Walk, do not run, to the bus stop.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left facing traffic.
- Always be at the bus stop **5-10** minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- While at the bus stop, wait in a safe place away from the road.
- Never speak to strangers and never get into a car with a stranger. Always go straight home and tell your parents if a stranger tries to talk to you or pick you up.
- Wait for the bus to arrive, watch for red flashing lights and the stop sign to be extended, and cross only when all traffic has stopped. Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- The bus will not stop in front of student residences, except in very specific situations.
- **Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus, and to enter/exit the bus at their assigned stop.**
- **Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade will need to have an adult at the bus stop with them both in the morning and afternoon.**

ON THE BUS:

- Go directly to a seat. Remain seated, facing forward and out of the aisle for the entire ride. Most bus routes will have assigned seating.
- Talk quietly. Screaming and loud noises are not permitted.
- If you need to talk to the bus driver, wait for the bus to stop, raise your hand, and call the driver's name.
- Never throw things on the bus or out the windows. Never play with the emergency exits.
- Keep the aisles clear at all times.
- If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- Eating, drinking and cell phone use are not permitted on the bus.
- Rules that are followed in school are also expected to be followed on the bus.

EXITING THE BUS:

- When getting off the bus make sure you walk three or more steps away from the door. This is the safest place to be around a bus. Stay away from the bus wheels and watch out for moving cars!
- Once you get off the bus, go straight home so an adult will know where you are.
- If you leave something on the bus, never return to the bus to get it. The driver may not see you come back and they may begin moving the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the driver before you attempt to pick it up, so they will know where you are.