#### **BUS STOP RULES:**

Students need to be at their designated bus stop 5 minutes before their scheduled pick-up time ready to load and not waiting in vehicles when the bus arrives.

Students crossing the road to get on or off the bus shall do so in <u>front</u> of the bus for their safety.

Students are not allowed to switch bus stops.

Students are asked to respect the surrounding property, such as mailboxes, grass or landscaping, at the bus stop while waiting for the bus and to leave the bus stop location clean of any litter.

All students are required to have a signed note by the school office in order to ride a different bus home. This is only granted when and if there is room on the bus.

Remember to stay at least 10 feet away from all sides of the bus until it comes to a complete stop. This is the danger zone and the driver may not be able to see you. Think safety.

# ON THE BUS BEHAVIOR:

- 1. The bus driver is in charge.
- 2. Students will be seated as directed by the driver and may be assigned to a seat.
- 3. Students need to sit quickly upon entering the bus.
- 4. Students are expected to sit three (3) in a seat, when needed.
- 5. Stay in your seat while the bus is moving. You may only switch seats with permission of the driver.
- 6. Only bring items aboard the bus you can hold in your lap.
- 7. Items not allowed in school are not allowed on the bus. This includes skateboards and roller blades.
- 8. Keep the bus aisles and emergency exits clear at all times.
- 9. No foul or inappropriate language is allowed.

- 10. Yelling, loud voices or horseplay are not permitted on the bus.
- 11. Eating and drinking are not permitted on the bus.
- 12. Help keep the bus clean. Put all trash in the trashcan.
- 13. Students must get on and off at their designated bus stop.
- 14. Smoking or lighting of any type of fire is prohibited.
- 15. No part of the body is to extend out of a window.
- 16. Students are not to throw anything in, at, or out of the bus while riding or at a bus stop.

# CONSEQUENCES:

- 1. Students violating the bus rules may receive a conduct report that is given to the school office.
- 2. Students who continue to violate the bus rules may be suspended from the bus.

### **BUS RIDING RULES:**

- Do as the bus driver asks the first time.
- Keep your body, language, and property to yourself.
- Sit with your back against the seat.
- Talk quietly.
- Remain in your seat while on the bus and until the bus comes to a complete stop.

# PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. To insure that your child arrives at the correct bus stop 5 minutes before the bus pick-up time.
- 2. To provide necessary protection for your child when going to and from the bus stop.
- 3. To accept joint responsibility with school authorities for proper conduct of your child while riding the bus and at the bus stop.

- 4. To be sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather.
- 5. To make a reasonable effort to understand and cooperate with those responsible for pupil transportation.
- 6. To explain to your child that a bus may take a different route on occasion than what they are use to and not be upset. They will arrive at their bus stop or school.
- 7. Our buses have yellow lights as well as red lights so remember yellow means slow down and be prepared to stop. Red means STOP!!



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# BUS PASSENGER SAFETY HANDBOOK



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