

Student's Name _____ Date _____

School _____ Driver _____

RULES FOR SAFELY RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

1. Leave home early enough to arrive at your bus stop on time.

Be at the school bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time and stay there.

RESPECT private property at the stop location.

2. Wait for your bus in a safe place (well off the roadway).

Behave correctly as you wait in the designated area and never play in the road.

3. Enter your bus in an orderly manner. Take your seat promptly.

When the driver opens the door, get on immediately and go directly to your seat.

(The bus is stopping traffic for student loading.) **NEVER** rush toward a moving bus.

4. Follow the instructions of your school bus driver.

Always be cooperative and obey your driver.

School ID's: are required of every middle and senior high student for **every** ride.

*The following are not allowed on the school bus: **Animals (living or otherwise), glass containers, skateboards.***

Seats will be assigned to every elementary and middle school student. Seats can be assigned to senior high students whenever good student management warrants.

5. Remain in your seat while your bus is in motion.

Standing, kneeling on the seats, or facing the rear of the bus are unsafe riding positions and not allowed. The correct and safest position is **seated facing forward** with your back against the seat back cushion.

6. Keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times.

Serious injury could result from being struck by an object the bus passes or being thrown against the window frame as the bus goes over a bump.

7. Keep aisles clear.

Feet, legs, arms, and bodies, as well as books, bags, lunch pails, instruments and all the other "stuff" must be kept out of the aisle.

8. Remain quiet and orderly.

Be **totally silent** at all railroad crossings; use a **quiet** voice at all other times. Shouting or any loud noise is not acceptable. A low noise level is imperative for the safest driving conditions. Abusive language, profane or obscene, is not acceptable.

9. Be courteous to your school bus driver and fellow passengers.

Keep your hands to yourself; pushing, grabbing, throwing objects, etc., can be dangerous and are not permitted.

Avoid roughhousing/physical play. **Fighting, the possession of a weapon in any form, or flame/spark producing device** is an automatic major infraction. The possession or use of any tobacco product, alcohol, or drugs is also forbidden. Be an example of **good behavior** for your own and others safety.

10. Exit in a proper manner.

Be alert to traffic as you leave the bus.

NEVER exit through the emergency exit, unless instructed to do so by the driver.

Additional information: All violations of these rules are dealt with on an individual basis using the guidelines detailed in every student handbook.

"I have read and discussed the bus rules with my child and agree to follow them"

Parent/Guardian signature

Student signature
