

## **Bus Safety Rules**

School bus safety begins at the bus stop. Follow these basic rules to maintain school bus safety and efficiency.

- Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early.
- Wait in a safe place. Watch for traffic. Wait in an orderly manner.
- Wear bright clothing. Remove drawstrings, key chains, or dangling items from clothes and backpacks; they could become stuck in the door or on the handrail.
- Be aware of your surroundings; remove hats/hoods that obstruct vision, remove headphones.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop with red lights flashing. Watch for bus driver's signal to cross the road; look both ways before crossing.
- Find your seat quickly and stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop at your destination. Standing is not safe on a moving bus.
- Treat the bus driver courteously and respectfully. Listen to the driver's instructions and cooperate. Don't distract the driver from driving the bus unless it is an emergency.
- Eating and drinking is not allowed on the bus.
- Do not extend or throw objects out of the window.
- Be respectful to other passengers. Do not use inappropriate language, comments, or gestures. Fighting, smoking and throwing items in the bus are not acceptable.
- Keep aisles clear. Animals and objects that are too large to fit in your lap cannot be brought on the bus.
- Keep the bus clean. Take trash off the bus with you.
- Cell phone use is not permitted on the bus.
- Maintain the same behavior on the bus as you do in the classroom.
- When getting off the bus, walk at least 10 feet away from the sides of the bus. Always cross 10 feet in front of the bus, never behind. Watch for the driver's signal to cross and look both ways.
- Never reach under the bus for something you have dropped. Never run back to the bus for a forgotten item.

Your cooperation is necessary to ensure the safety and comfort of school bus transportation.