

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS**

**Including Students Riding Buses for Field Trips**

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School bus riders, while in transit, are under the jurisdiction of the school bus driver unless the local board of education designates some adult to supervise the riders.

It is recommended that all riders, parents of riders and teachers become thoroughly familiar with the following regulations governing school bus riders.

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stop. Help keep the bus on schedule.
2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
3. Be careful in approaching the place where the bus stops. Do not move toward the bus until the bus has been brought to a complete stop.
4. Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.
5. Be alert to a danger signal from the driver.
6. Remain in the bus in the event of a road emergency until instructions are given by the driver.
7. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
8. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and could result in a serious accident.
9. Be absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad crossing stop.
10. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
11. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. No eating is allowed on the bus.
12. Carry no animals on the bus.

13. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.
14. Leave no book, lunches or other articles on the bus.
15. Be courteous to fellow pupils and the bus driver.
16. Help look after the safety and comfort of smaller children.
17. Do not ask the driver to stop at places other than the regular bus stop; he is not permitted to do this except by proper authorization from a school district.
18. Observe safety precautions at discharge point. Where it is necessary to cross the highway, proceed to a point at least 10 feet in front of the bus on the right should of the highway where traffic may be observed in both directions. Then wait for a signal from the bus driver permitting you to cross.
19. Observe the same rules and regulations on other trips under school sponsorship as you observe between home and school. Respect the wishes of the chaperon appointed by the school.