School Bus Riding Tips for Students

- 1. Students shall be at the assigned bus stop five minutes prior to the arrival time of the bus.
- 2. Students shall wait for the bus in a safe place, away from the traffic.
- 3. Students shall not attempt to board the bus until the bus is fully stopped or leave their seats on the bus until their destination is reached and the bus is completely stopped.
- 4. Students shall get on and off the bus in an orderly manner. Crowding, pushing, and shoving are not only unnecessary, but dangerous.
- 5. Students shall treat all school bus drivers with the respect that is customarily shown to all parents/guardians and teachers. Parents should encourage their children to cooperate with and follow the instructions of their bus driver.
- 6. Students are to remain seated during a bus trip.
- 7. Students are to use the emergency door only for emergencies.
- 8. Students are not permitted to open or close windows without the permission of the bus driver.
- 9. Students must keep their hands, arms and legs inside the bus at all times. Failure to do so could result in serious injury.
- 10. Students shall keep the aisle and doorway clear at all times. Book bags, musical instruments, etc., are to be held in the student's lap or placed on the floor.
- 11. Students are not to throw objects on the bus, into the bus, or from the bus. Eating and drinking are not permitted on the school bus.
- 12. Students are prohibited from lighting matches, spitting, littering, and the use of any form of tobacco while on the bus.
- 13. Students are not to scream, yell, fight and act in any other disruptive fashion on the school bus which could be a distraction for the bus driver. Such behavior and violation of other rules set by the school district are subject to student disciplinary action.
- 14. Students are asked to be alert to vehicular traffic when boarding or leaving the bus. Students should look both ways before crossing in front of the bus. Students are to stay back 10 steps from the bus until the driver signals that it is safe to board or cross the street.
- 15. Students should report any lost or dropped item to the bus driver.
- 16. Parents are asked when possible to help their children cross the streets when approaching the bus stop.