

# School Bus Safety Tips for Everyone!

Covington County Schools

## Bus Discipline

1. Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Misconduct on the bus is a safety hazard and may result in a student losing that privilege.
2. Principals and his/her designees are authorized to suspend or terminate bus privileges depending on several factors:
  - a. the severity of the infraction
  - b. the age of the child
  - c. the number of existing infractionsParents and students should check and follow local school board policies pertaining to infractions and consequences on the school bus.
3. If a child loses his/her bus riding privilege, the parents assume the responsibility for transportation to and from school.

## Stay Alert Near the Roadway!

### On the Bus

- Follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
- Talk quietly and stay seated while the bus is in motion.
- Be courteous and respectful of others.
- No loud talking or shouting.
- Do not write on or damage the seats.
- Keep arms and head inside the windows.
- Ask permission to raise or lower windows.
- Be silent at railroad crossings.
- Keep books, backpacks, and other belongings out of the aisle.
- Sit only in your assigned seat.
- Do not use profanity or abusive language.
- Never throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Do not leave paper or trash on the bus. Help keep the bus clean.

## Loading and Unloading

- Stand in a line 10 feet from roadway while waiting on the bus.
- Do not cross the roadway until the bus driver has given you permission to do so.
- Hold onto the handrail to prevent a slip or fall.
- Move away from the bus as soon as you exit.
- Before turning left or right after exiting the bus, take five giant steps straight away from the bus.
- Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus, keeping eye contact with the bus driver – wait for their 'all clear signal'.
- Look to the rear of the bus for oncoming vehicles as you exit the bus.
- Do not play in the loading/unloading zones.
- Never go back to retrieve anything you may have dropped or left behind.
- Never bend down near or under the bus.
- Watch for clothing or other articles that may become caught in the handrail or doorway.
- Check traffic (left, right, left) before crossing the roadway to board the bus or after unloading.

*Always Stay Where the  
Bus Driver Can See You –  
Think Before You Move!!!*

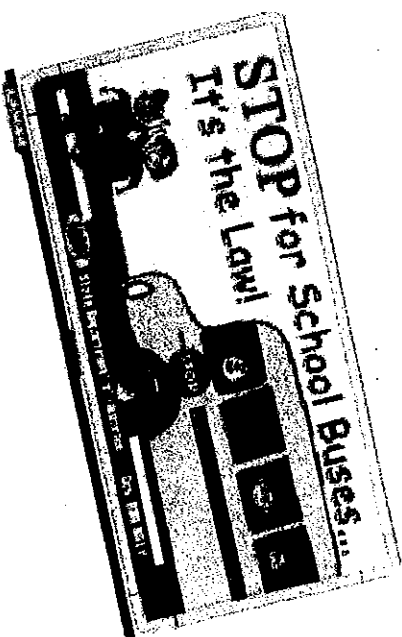
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