

### **A few reminders to parents and students riding the school bus:**

- Be alert to traffic. Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.
- Make eye contact with the bus driver, and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street.
- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus to cross the street.
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.
- Before leaving the sidewalk, look for the flashing red lights.
- Never go under the bus to retrieve something that you've dropped.

When arriving at your bus stop, the following procedures are used:

- Village Bus Stop
  - Hold handrail
  - Move Away from Bus
  - Wait for the Bus to Leave
  - If Crossing the Street wait until the bus has left.
  - Look Left, then Right, then Left Again before Crossing
  - Look for Traffic Behind the Bus
- In the country
  - When Leaving the Bus and Crossing to the Left
    - Move from the Bus
    - Go Ten Feet in Front of the Bus – See the Driver's eyes Wait for the Driver's Signal
    - Move to the Edge of the Bus
    - Look for Traffic - Look Left, then Right, then Left Again before Crossing
    - Continue if Clear – If There is Danger or a car coming, The Driver will Blow the Horn - RETURN to the Bus Immediately When Boarding the Bus and Boarding from the Left Wait for the Bus to Stop If Crossing the Street wait until the bus has left.
    - Look Left, then Right, then Left Again before Crossing
    - Look for Traffic Behind the Bus
  - When Boarding the Bus and Boarding from the Left
    - Wait for the Bus to Stop
    - Wait for the Driver's Signal
    - Look for Traffic - Look Left, then Right, then Left Again before Crossing
    - Cross Quickly and Board the Bus Wait for the Driver's Signal
    - Look for Traffic - Look Left, then Right, then Left Again before Crossing Cross Quickly and Board the Bus

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### **RULES FOR BUS RIDERS** (Policy #5131.21)

All students who ride a school bus are entitled to safe transportation and a ride free from undue disturbance by other students. Parents and pupils must realize that school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. Misbehavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Pupils who misbehave can be suspended from school, and can be denied the privilege of riding on the bus.

Pupils will ride on assigned buses. Parents must request in writing any exception of this rule. Requests shall be made to the Building Principal and the Transportation Supervisor.

3. Be on time for the bus; help keep the bus on schedule.
4. Be careful in approaching bus stops; walk on left, toward oncoming traffic.

5. Reach assigned seat in bus without disturbing or crowding other pupils. Keep aisle of bus clear at all times.
6. Do not stand or extend your head, arms, or hands out of windows, or move about, or leave/enter the bus while it is in motion.
7. While you are on the bus, you are in the driver's charge, and you must obey him/her promptly and cheerfully.
8. Help keep the bus clean, sanitary, and orderly.
9. Remember that loud talking or laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
10. Damage done to the seats or other bus equipment by the rider must be paid for by the rider or his/her parents.
11. Be courteous to fellow pupils, bus driver, and student patrol officers.
12. In leaving the bus, remain seated until it stops. If you cross the road, do so in front of the bus only after the driver directs you to and after making sure the highway is clear. Move away from the bus as soon as it is safe.
13. Students will enter the bus only at designated loading areas.
14. A student is under the supervision of the school from the time he/she boards a bus until his/her departure from it, and he/she shall be held accountable for his/her actions in the same manner as if she/he were in any other school situation.
15. Board the bus in a single file; use handrail for safety.
16. A copy of the Rules for Riders will be made available to students at the beginning of the school year. All these rules are designed basically to promote one thing: SAFE TRANSPORTATION.