

## **BUS SAFETY TIPS/BUS EXPECTATIONS**

1. All students and adults must wear a face mask on the bus at all times.
2. Be at your bus stop five minutes before the scheduled time.
3. Wait in LINE for the school bus and NEVER play in or close to the street. Stand back from the edge of the curb and on busy streets stay back from the stop until the bus is there and has stopped the traffic.
4. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and then enter in a single file using the handrail.
5. Always find a seat quickly and STAY SEATED. Do NOT stand on the bus. Also, share your seat — don't place your belongings on the seat to prevent a child from being able to sit next to you.
6. Talk QUIETLY and do not eat or drink on the bus. Always take your trash with you and throw it away. Do not leave it on the bus.
7. Keep the aisles clear.
8. Listen to your bus driver.
9. Never put your head or arms out the window.
10. Know where the emergency exits are and do NOT play with them.
11. Never throw things while on the bus.
12. Wait for the bus to stop completely before leaving your seat and then get off in a single file line.
13. Walk a safe distance away from the bus so the driver can see you and know that you are out of danger.
14. If you must cross in front of the bus, make sure the driver can see you. Wait for the driver's signal to cross. Look both ways and cross the street carefully. DO NOT RUN! Keep in mind that even though motorists are SUPPOSED to stop, they often don't.
15. Do NOT EVER bend down to pick up anything in front, behind or under the bus.
16. NEVER cross the street behind the bus.
17. The driver is in charge of the students and the bus. Students must obey the driver at all times.

18. Students must exercise orderly conduct while on the bus. Loud noise and offensive language is prohibited.
19. Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted on the bus at any time.
20. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited while the bus is in motion.
21. The person responsible for the damage must pay for any damage to the bus.
22. Unauthorized passengers are not permitted on the bus at any time.
23. ALL buses are equipped with three video cameras which record both visual and audio. These tapes are reviewed periodically as well as when a problem occurs on the bus.

## BUS DANGER ZONES



Most school bus incidents occur when children disembark from the bus and disappear from the driver's view.

The MOST dangerous area for children is the School Bus Danger Zone that extends 10 feet from the bus in all directions. When leaving the bus, children should walk 10 feet away from the bus before turning.

Children crossing in front of the bus should move forward away from the bus until they can make eye contact with the driver. They should never cross without the driver's permission.

Children should never approach the right rear of the bus. The bus driver can NOT see small or stooping children.