

Advice To Parents About Bus Riding

- Please ensure that your child is ready and waiting at the bus stop five minutes before the planned bus arrival time. This will relieve his or her anxiety about being late for the bus and will allow them to board the bus safely without needing to run after the bus. If your child must cross the street to board the bus, please wait on your side of the road until the bus comes to a complete stop and the red lights are activated. Then check to be sure that all vehicles have stopped for the bus before allowing your child to cross the street.
- Children are expected to get on and off at their own bus stop. If they need to go to a friend's home after school, a note should be sent to the school's office. The secretary will stamp the note or give a bus pass to your child who in turn will give it to the bus driver. Without this pass, your child will have to ride their own bus and get off at their own stop. If an emergency should arise, you may call the school or the bus garage to make special arrangements for your child.
- Please talk to your children about good bus behavior. Children should sit in their seat, keep hands to themselves and talk quietly to the child in the seat next to them. Please, no standing, yelling, swearing, spitting, putting body parts out the window, throwing items from the bus or around the bus and any other activity which may cause the driver to take their eyes from the road. Fighting or bullying will not be tolerated. Misbehavior on the bus is subject to a write-up procedure that could result in suspension from the bus.
- This year we are instituting a new policy of no eating on any bus. We are transporting more and more students with various food allergies and need to ensure their safety. Your children will see new signs on our buses stating, "No eating on the bus". We are asking our parents to help their students comply with this new policy as it could impact another child's life. Our bus routes service high schools, middle schools and elementary schools as well as class field trips and athletic teams. Therefore, it's important that everyone follows the "no eating" policy as we never know when a student with allergies will ride the bus and we want our buses to be safe for all of our students all the time.