

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Students need to be aware that all rules governing student conduct while on school property apply while students are on the school bus. Riding the bus is a privilege contingent upon proper and courteous conduct. For the safety of all students on the bus, children whose conduct negatively affects their safety or the safety of others will be handled by the bus driver and referred to the principal. Students are subject to disciplinary procedures when bus safety rules are violated. The following rules must be followed:

- Students are to behave appropriately on the bus as well as at the bus stop. They must follow the directions of the bus driver.
- Students are expected to display respectful behavior to each other and the driver at all times. Bullying, teasing, horseplay, play fighting, name-calling, etc. will not be tolerated.
- School bus drivers have the right to assign seats or move students, and students must sit in their assigned section on the bus.
- Students drinking and eating on the bus is at the driver's discretion.
- Students are to remain in their seats while the bus is in motion, facing forward at all times. Hands and feet are to be kept out of the aisle.
- Balloons, balls, glass objects and laser pointers are not permitted on the bus.
- All body parts are to remain inside the bus windows at all times.

Please discuss bus behavior expectations with your child. For the protection and safety of the driver and students on the bus, school principals have the authority to impose an immediate suspension from the school bus for both serious offenses and for minor violations. Consequences will occur after the bus driver has communicated verbal and/or written warnings and has attempted intervention strategies.

Possible consequences are verbal/written warning, probation, parent conferences, bus suspension, and/or out-of-school suspension.