



## **Bus Safety Policy**

### **Before the arrival of the bus**

1. Be at the pick-up spot five minutes before pick up time.
2. Wait on a sidewalk or off the roadway, not in the street.

\*\*Please note that our bus service is now offering GPS service to allow parents to monitor Bus routes and ETA of the bus at their designated bus stop. See Transportation Coordinator or main office for details.

### **Boarding the bus**

1. Wait for the bus to come to a full stop.
2. Be polite and take your turn getting on the bus.
3. Use the handrail.

### **Conduct on the bus**

1. Students and other passengers must remain seated on the bus at all times.
2. Follow the directions of the driver.
3. Walk to the assigned seat and stay there. Do not stand or move around while the bus is moving.
4. Do not talk to the driver unless it is an emergency. Drivers need to keep their minds on driving and their eyes on the road.
5. Talk quietly to friends so the driver can hear traffic sounds.
6. Keep arms, feet, books and bags out of the aisle.
7. Do not open or close windows.
8. Keep hands and head inside the bus. Do not throw anything out of the window.
9. Loud yelling or profane language is not permitted.
10. Face and body gestures to passersby and people on other vehicles are not allowed.
11. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
12. Do not deface or litter the bus.
13. Do not tamper with any safety device or any other equipment.

### **Leaving the bus**

1. Do not leave your seat until the bus comes to a full stop.
2. Take your turn; do not crowd in front of others.
3. Use the handrail; watch your step.

### **Inappropriate behavior on the bus**

Bus safety is an important issue to be raised as your child begins school. Each parent should take precautions to make sure that all children know the rules and regulations designed for safe bus transportation. Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Verbal warning;
2. Phone call to parents;
3. Meeting to resolve the issue; and
4. Removal of bus privilege – short-term or permanent.