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RULES AND TIPS FOR RIDING A SCHOOL BUS

10 Rules for Riding the Bus (District Policy and all School's rules apply on the bus)

- Respect the bus, driver, and other riders.
- Follow your driver's directions at all times.
- Stay seated while on the bus, facing forward with backpack in lap.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Keep the aisles and emergency exits clear.
- No eating, drinking, or chewing gum.
- No rude, disrespectful, or distracting behavior. (Behavior must be appropriate for a classroom)
- No inappropriate language, pictures, or inappropriate use of devices on the bus.
- Students will ride assigned bus and use assigned stops. (Bus pass required to ride to unassigned stop)
- No big, bulky, sharp or dangerous items allowed. (Items, including backpacks, must fit in your lap or between your legs. Check with driver for what is allowed on bus.)

Safety Tips for the Bus

- Be at your stop 5 minutes early and never run for the bus.
- Cross the road correctly every time.
 - Group together with other students at the end of the extended arm while leaving the bus, or off the roadway while getting on the bus, and wait for the driver's instructions.
 - Driver will signal you when it is safe to cross
 - Look both ways as you cross and watch for traffic
- When leaving the bus, move directly away from it. Never walk along the side of bus.
- Never cross behind the bus.
- Talk to your driver right away if something is upsetting you.
- Practice kindness. Respect the property and space of other passengers.
- See Transportation link on district website for complete rules and regulations.

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