

### GENERAL RULES FOR TRANSPORTATION

- Be on time at your designated bus stop. Drivers have a schedule to meet and cannot wait for tardy pupils. If the bus cancels its lights or pulls away, **DO NOT CHASE THE BUS**. This is how accidents happen.
- Cheerfully obey the bus driver's instructions. Friendly, respectful people get along better.
- Students are expected to display good behavior while on the bus. Quiet conversation is fine. When approaching a railroad crossing, students are to be silent until the bus is safe across the tracks.
- Always remain seated while a bus is moving. It may be necessary to sit three to a seat. The driver may also assign seats.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to enter or leave the bus.
- Eating or drinking is not permitted on the buses except for special occasions approved by the driver.
- Students are expected to help keep the buses clean. Dispose of paper and other unwanted items properly.
- Musical instruments, books, projects, or other personal items must be held by the owner or placed in a special seat designated by the driver if the room is available. We encourage parents to transport on days large items must be taken to school.
- Stay off the roadways at all times while waiting for a bus. Form a single line and board the bus one at a time. Remember to respect the property of others while waiting for the bus.
- Hands and heads are to be kept inside the bus at all times. There will be no unnecessary disturbing noises or vulgar/profane language.
- Students are expected to get on and off the bus at their designated stops **ONLY**. A parent/guardian must contact the school office directly, either by phone or by sending a note with their student. Please include the date, name and address of where your child needs to be dropped off. The drivers will **NOT ACCEPT** notes, text messages or phone calls from a parent on the student's cell phone while loading at the school. A bus pass must be issued through the office. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- When crossing, students must be 10 ft. in front of the bus, stop and look at the driver. When the driver gives the sweeping motion of their hand, students may then cross only in front of the bus. **NEVER** should a student cross the road behind the bus.
- Animals, glass containers, and helium balloons are not allowed on the buses.
- Students are asked to report any damage they see to the driver. Vandalism is a serious issue and will be addressed as soon as possible. Cover replacement - \$50/\$75 Cover and foam replacement - \$110/\$135
- Riders are expected to be considerate to all other passengers and to the driver at all times.
- Misconduct on the bus will not be tolerated. Drivers are in charge at all times and are required to report this behavior to the building principals. Riding privileges may be suspended.
- Remember...school bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. Misconduct may result in the loss of this privilege.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

- Review bus riding rules with your child.
- Be sure your child arrives at his/her stop 5-10 minutes prior to bus arrival.
- Provide necessary protection for your child at the stop.
- Accept the responsibility for your child's conduct at the bus stop and on the school bus. Remember: "Adults set the example and mood for their children."