Bus Routes and Transportation

Our number one priority is student safety. Please help us support your child's safe school bus experience by discussing with them the importance of following the school bus safety rules (please see below). To ensure a driver can maintain focus on safe driving, positive student behavior while riding the bus is essential.

Passenger Rules and Information

Getting to and waiting for the bus:

- 1. Use sidewalks when provided. If no sidewalk is present, walk on the left shoulder of the roadway facing traffic.
- 2. Be aware of traffic around you.
- 3. Arrive at the stop 5 minutes early.
- 4. Be out of the car and form a line a safe distance from the road while waiting for the bus.
- 5. Respect the property of others while waiting for the bus. Do not throw rocks, pick flowers or litter.

Boarding the bus:

- 1. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door is open before you approach the bus.
- 2. If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus. Wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross.
- 3. Use the handrail to keep from slipping, falling or tripping.
- 4. Have bus card ready to scan when you enter the bus.
- 5. Go directly to your assigned seat.

Riding the bus:

- 1. Follow the driver's instructions at all times.
- 2. Remain seated in your assigned seat for the entire ride. Do not stand or move around while the bus is moving.
- 3. Food and drink are not allowed on the bus. Only water in a sealable bottle is acceptable.
- 4. Keep your bus clean.
- 5. Avoid any kind of behavior that could damage the bus.

- 6. Be courteous. Keep words and actions kind.
- 7. Smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco are not allowed on the bus.
- 8. Windows may be opened at the discretion of the driver. Heads and hands must always remain inside the bus.
- 9. Never throw anything inside the bus or out the windows.
- 10. Always keep the aisle clear, especially when students are exiting the bus at their stop.
- 11. Phones may **not** be used for photo or video purposes on the bus.

What do I need to do as a parent or guardian of a student who uses the bus?

- Download the "FIRST VIEW" app for GPS tracking of your student's bus. It will
 provide updated route times in case of delays or emergencies.
- Understand the bus pick up and drop off times are based on normal traffic and weather conditions. Road construction and congestion, as well as weather and wash closures, may affect stop times.
- Arrange for your students to be at the stop 5 minutes before their pickup time and be ready to board the bus.
- Please review the rules of the bus and our standard procedures with your student.

Bus Notes:

Occasionally, a student may need to ride a different bus route than normal. In this case, please follow these easy steps:

- Send a note with your child, call, or visit their school's front office.
- The office staff will provide your child with a pass to ride a different bus for <u>that day only</u>.
- All notes must be signed and or stamped by the office.
- If your child does not have a pass, they cannot ride a different bus route than assigned.

Bus cards:

Bus riders will be required to have a bus card provided by the school. Students must swipe cards when entering the bus as well as when they exit the bus. If your child forgets their card, they will be allowed to ride to school without it. However, in order to ride home they will have to obtain a pass from the office. If they do not get a pass they

cannot ride home on the bus.

Kindergarteners:

A parent is required to be at the stop and out of their vehicles to receive students off the bus. If you would like your kindergarten student to get off the bus with an older sibling a written note is required.

IT IS A PRIVILEGE, TO RIDE THE BUS. ALL RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED TO MAINTAIN THE RIGHT.