



## TRANSPORTATION

### RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS – SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

#### At the Bus Stop

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before established arrival time of bus.
- Do not run to or from the bus stop.
- Choose the safest walking route to and from the bus stop. Keep well clear of the road while waiting for the bus.
- Be certain that the road is clear or traffic is stopped before crossing the road.
- Line up for the bus in single file, with the first person no closer than 2 meters from the roadside. No crowding, pushing, or horseplay while waiting at the bus stop.

#### Getting On and Off the Bus

- Board and exit the bus ONLY at your designated stop.
- Do not move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop, the red lights are flashing and the door is opened by the bus driver.
- Hold onto the handrail to prevent slips or falls.
- Go directly to your seat and sit down. Remain seated until you get to school or to your assigned stop.
- Move away from the bus as soon as you exit, by taking 10 giant steps away from the bus.
- Keep away from the bus, even if you drop or forget something. Never bend down near, or under the bus.

#### Riding on the Bus

- Follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
- Talk quietly and stay seated while the bus is in motion. No loud talking or shouting.
- Be courteous and respectful of others. Do not use profanity or abusive language.
- Do not distract the bus driver by creating a disturbance or talking to the bus driver while the bus is in motion, except in an emergency.
- Do not write on or damage the seats. Parents may be held financially responsible for any damage to school buses caused by their child.
- Keep arms and head inside the windows.
- Always ask the bus driver for permission to open or close windows.
- Keep books, backpacks and other belongings out of the aisle.
- Never throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Eating or drinking on the bus is prohibited.

**School Bus Safety Week:** Oct. 16-20  
**School Bus Evacuation Drills:** Oct. 19, Apr. 20