

# Parent Responsibilities

## Parents of students who ride the bus:

**Will** have the student ready and at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Late students running to the bus stop is not safe! The bus driver may not see the student running, or the student may get hit by another vehicle or the bus as they cross the street and approach it.

**Will** provide the necessary protection and safety for the child to and from the bus stop. Bus stops cannot be at every driveway and children will need to walk a distance to their bus stop. It is the parent's responsibility to provide whatever protection is necessary for their safety.

**Will** monitor their child's behavior at the bus stop. Please watch and make sure they do not stand any closer than 10 to 15 feet from the roadway. Students must respect other homeowner's property – no littering, trespassing, foul language or excessive noise.

**Will** call the driver or inform the family ahead of them on the bus schedule in advance if your child(ren) will not be riding due to illness.

**Will** make arrangements to have someone at home for young children after school. Make sure that the bus driver can tell that someone is home. (Have the garage door open...) Please make sure the doors are unlocked so students can get into the house. If the bus driver can ascertain that no one is at home, she/he will not let the children off the bus. We will bring the student back to school until you can pick up your child. We will make every effort to call your home and leave a message regarding where you can pick up your child.

**Will** pick up your child from school if they should become sick during the day. The driver will make every effort to contact a parent if the child should become ill on the bus so that you can meet your child at school or at a bus stop.

**Will** not let students ride the bus when they have the following conditions:

- Nausea or diarrhea
- High temperature
- Infections or contagious conditions (lice, chickenpox, pink eye, etc).

**Will** accept joint responsibility with the school staff for proper conduct of your child. A student's misbehavior can result in an accident or injury to themselves or others.

# Student Responsibilities

## Students who ride the bus:

**Will** arrive on time to the bus stop.

**Will** only cross the street in front of the bus when the driver gives the signal to cross.

**Will** keep hands to oneself.

**Will** talk softly! Classroom voices only. No screaming and yelling.

**Will** not stand, walk around, or change seats while the bus is in motion.

**Will** keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus at all times.

**Will** throw nothing out of the bus windows.

**Will** load and unload the school bus in a safe, orderly fashion.

**Will** be aware of the "Danger Zone" surrounding the bus. This zone includes ten feet all around the bus, with the most dangerous area being by the front bumper and the front and rear tires.

**Will** be courteous and respectful to the bus driver and other students at all times.

**Will** not use obscene language or gestures.

**Will** not distract the bus driver.

**Will** not carry any weapon or potential weapon onto the bus or to school.

**Will** be quiet at railroad tracks and remain quiet until the bus has passed over the tracks.

**Will** not eat or drink on the bus unless it is allowed by the bus driver.

**Will** not damage the bus seat in any way. This includes writing on, cutting or poking holes in the bus seats.

**Will** assume financial responsibility for vandalizing a bus seat.

**Will** not smoke, light matches or lighters on the bus.

**Will** report any unsafe conditions or serious misbehavior to the bus driver.

**Will** do the best to assure everyone has a safe and pleasant bus ride.

**Will** go directly home after getting off the bus.

**Will** not talk to strangers or accept rides from strangers.