

# Bus Riders' Responsibilities

## Bus Riders' responsibilities before you ride and at the bus stop

- Carry loose articles in a backpack or duffle bag. Example; homework, books, pens, pencils, etc.
- Arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to be there. Do not wait inside your home and then run out to the bus. **Never run to, alongside or after the bus.**
- Do not play or rough house at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the bus door is open and Red Lights are flashing before approaching the bus.
- If you need to transport an item too large to fit on your lap, make other arrangements to get it to school that day.

## Responsibilities during the bus ride

- Listen to all instructions from the bus driver. The driver is there to prevent injury to you and others.
- Oversized items, dangerous/flammable items and weapons are not allowed on the bus. An item must be able to be secured in the student's lap without occupying any additional seating area to not be classified as "oversized." Please call the Transportation Department at 315-638-6097 about specific items.
- Threatening gestures and/or comments will not be tolerated on the bus.
- Behave on the bus as you are expected to behave in school. The school bus is an extension of the classroom. Be courteous and do not use profane language.
- Eating, drinking, and smoking on the bus is not permitted and will not be tolerated.
- Keep the bus clean. Whatever you bring on the bus must leave with you.
- Don't damage the bus. It is school property and owned by the residents of the district. Students who damage school property may face restriction or suspension. Parents/guardians may be held financially responsible for repairs to damaged property.
- Cooperate with the bus driver. They are authorized to assign seats.
- Fighting, pushing, and verbal abuse will **NOT** be tolerated.

- Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus and to yourself at all times. **STAY IN YOUR SEAT!** Especially when the bus is moving.
- All school buses in New York State are equipped with seat belts. Although, it is not state mandated that seat belts be worn, all students have the ability to wear one if they so wish. If a student needs assistance with the function of the seat belt they should ask the driver.

### **Exiting the bus**

- Wait for the bus to stop completely and the bus doors open before leaving your seat.
- Exit in a single file and use the handrail at all times while boarding and leaving the bus.
- Take all possessions and trash with you.
- Wait for the driver's signal to cross. Never cross behind the bus or crawl under the bus. Do not run. See **Safe Crossing Procedures**