Bus & Bus Stop Policies

PATH on the Bus

Divide students into four groups

Each group gets PATH

Prepare Daily

Act Appropriately

Take Responsibility

Have Respect

What does your letter "look like" on the bus? Example: What does it mean to be Prepared on (for) the bus?, etc.

- Your group has one minute to brainstorm examples for your letter.
- One person from each group will share the best two examples from their brainstorm.

State Law

- The state law authorizes the proper discipline of students going to and returning from school.

- Any discipline violations that occur from the time you leave your home in the AM to the time you return home are considered to have happened on school board property and the school may discipline.

Carry-On Items

- Back Packs, etc. may not take the seat required for another person. (school projects, instruments exempted)

Ride Your Bus

- You are permitted to ride your bus and only your bus.
- You may only board and exit the bus at your assigned stop.
- If your parent gives you a note to ride a different bus you must bring it to the office **in the morning** to receive a special bus pass. Do NOT try to board the bus without the proper office pass. You will not be allowed to do this.

Review page 6 in your R&R book for additional rules regarding bus safety.

Bus Stop:

Arrive 10 minutes early. It's not the bus driver's responsibility to wait for you.

Stay off private property.

Do not stand in the road.

Special note to those of you who catch the bus across from WaWa: move away from the street, stop trying to cross to go to WaWa. It's too dark and early. Dangerous!

Be quiet & respectful to the neighbors.

On the Bus

- Remain seated with all body parts in the bus
- No throwing items from the bus
- No balloons
- No skateboards
- No vandalism
- No Profanity
- Show RESPECT to the DRIVER at all times

Boarding and Exiting the Bus

- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Be quiet
- Cross in front of the bus
- Leave the bus stop area and return home immediately

What would you do?

The bus driver tells you to move to another seat. You've sat in this seat since the first day of school. You…

a. Follow her directions and move to another seat.
b. Follow her directions and move to another seat and argue with her that it's not fair that you have to move.
c. Refuse to move. This is your seat.

What would you do?

A student picks on another student every afternoon. You don't know either student. What would you do?

a. Put on your headphones and listen to your music. It's not your problem.
b. Sit by the student being picked on to see if you can be a friend to him.
c. Tell the student who is picking to stop.
d. Tell an adult what is happening on the bus.

What would you do?

At the bus stop some friends decide it would be fun to throw trash in someone's yard. You…

a. Say, "No thanks. I'm not going to get in trouble for that."
b. Throw trash in the yard.

Before making a decision ask

- If I get in trouble and I'm suspended from the bus will my parents be able to drive me to school and pick me up from school for at least a week? Will they have to be late or miss work? How will this impact my siblings?

Morning Arrival

- Buses dismiss at 7AM
- Enter thru the designated bus doors
- Keep moving, we don't stand around socializing
- Report directly to **your** grade level hall
- 8th grade – get your breakfast, 6th & 7th grade will have breakfast delivered
- Go to your locker
- Go to your homeroom
- If you need to go to the office or another location you need a pass

Morning Arrival

- Orchestra/Band students with instruments may first go to the orchestra/band rooms and put away their instruments. They should do so quickly and proceed to homeroom.
- Once we begin after school activities you will need to listen to announcements for where to sign up for activities.

Afternoon Dismissal

- Afternoon announcements begin at 2:05
- The grade level with the highest attendance for the day will be dismissed first, followed by the second and third.
- No one in that grade level leaves until the grade level is called.
- Those students picking up instruments and cell phones from the office need to move quickly. There is enough time to catch your bus, but no time for you to move slowly.

After school two girls get off the bus and get into a fight. Another student records the fight and puts it on youtube.

Did you know…

All students will be disciplined. Here's why –

a. Fighting is against school policies. Until you arrive home (entering your front door) you are considered on school property.
b. Recording the fight and posting it to youtube – or sending it in any other matter – can be considered a disruption to the learning environment. Recording an incident can also be viewed as encouraging or instigating an incident such as a fight. Don't do it.

Bus

Riding the bus is a privilege.

Your safety and the safety of others depends on YOU!

Inappropriate behavior on the bus will result in disciplinary action.