

## **Guidelines for Safety on School Buses**

### General Safety Rules

1. Students are to obey the instructions of the bus driver and assistant at all times.
2. Students must be respectful to the bus driver and assistant, and cooperate at all times.
3. Students are only allowed to board and leave the bus at pre-agreed stops.
4. Students are to assemble in an orderly manner.

### Procedures for Waiting for the Bus

5. Be on time at the designated pick-up point.
6. Stand on the sidewalk or away from the roadway while waiting for the bus.
7. When the bus approaches, form a line and be prepared to board immediately.
8. Stand clear of the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
9. Parents should instruct their children on the procedures to follow if they miss the bus.

### Procedures for Boarding the Bus

10. Do not push or shove.
11. Use the handrail and steps.

### Conduct on the Bus

12. Wear face mask/shield at all times.
13. Remain seated at your designated seats at all times. Standing is strictly prohibited.
14. Scuffling, fighting, and the use of obscene, vulgar or profane language and gestures are forbidden.
15. Do not throw objects inside or outside of the bus.
16. Do not talk or play with one another on the bus.
17. Sit facing forward for the duration of the trip, and keep feet on the floor in front and out of the bus aisle.
18. When provided, students are to put on seat belts at all times.

### Getting off the Bus

19. Stay seated until the bus has completely stopped.
20. Do not push or shove.
21. Use the handrail and steps.
22. Do not chase or hang on to the bus at any time. If any article drops or rolls near or under the bus, do not go after it. Go to the door of the bus and ask the driver for help.

### Crossing the Street or Road

23. Check for traffic in both directions and walk directly across the road.
24. Do not cross the road directly in front of or directly behind the bus.
25. Where possible, cross all streets at intersections. Obey all traffic signals and signs.