



White Bear Lake Area Schools

Passenger Information & Rules

WHEN GOING TO THE BUS STOP

- Use sidewalks where provided.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk single file on the left side of the street or roadway facing traffic.
- Cross streets at corners.
- Use a direct route, avoid using alleys or crossing through private property to get to the bus stop.
- Arrive at your bus stop five minutes before your scheduled pickup time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.
- Be aware of suspicious individuals (young, old, male, female) on foot or in motor vehicles. Report such persons to your bus driver or school principal. **EVEN IF YOU MISSED THE BUS, DO NOT ACCEPT RIDES FROM STRANGERS.**

RULES AT THE BUS STOP

- Stay away from the street, road, or highway when waiting for the bus. Line up at least three feet away from the street in an orderly fashion and wait until the bus stops before boarding.
- Respect the property of others while waiting at your bus stop. Do not pick flowers or shrubs, throw stones, snowballs, litter, etc.
- Keep your arms, legs and belongings to yourself.
- Do not use offensive or foul language.
- Avoid standing in and blocking sidewalks and driveways.
- No pushing, fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.
- Do not run to the curb when the bus comes. Stay back until the bus is actually stopped. (A push at the middle or end of the line can send the front person into the bus or under it's wheels.)
- Older students should be helpful to younger ones.
- No use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.

BOARDING THE BUS

- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door is open before walking toward the bus.
- If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Wait for the driver to signal to you before crossing the street.
- Board the bus single file - do not push or shove.
- use the hand rail to keep from slipping, falling, or tripping.
- Say "hello" to your bus driver.
- Move immediately to a seat without crowding, shoving, disturbing, or stopping to talk to others. Make room for others needing a seat.
- Put large items (book bags, packages, etc.) in seat area or under the seat, but never in the aisle.

- Drivers may assign seats in the front of the bus to students who have special needs or whom have not followed the bus rules. Drivers, at their discretion, may assign seats throughout the entire bus to avoid misconduct. We strive to ensure the safety of our passengers and ask that when the bus is not at a full capacity, that we not use the three rear rows of seats in the buses.

RIDING ON THE BUS

- Cooperate with the driver.
- Do not push or shove for any reason.
- Absolutely no smoking, lighting of matches or lighters on the bus.
- Keep arms and legs out of the aisle to prevent tripping others while they board or exit.
- Open windows only if the driver permits you to do so. Keep hands, arms and heads inside the bus.
- Do not stand or move around while the bus is moving. You are only safe if you are seated.
- Absolutely no tampering with the bus radio, controls, or equipment.
- Keep conversations tones to a normal level. Too much noise by yelling, screaming, etc. can interfere with the bus driver's duties and create a safety hazard.
- Do not distract the driver. A bus driver needs to keep his/her attention on driving.
- Be especially quiet at railroad crossings or other busy intersections.
- Save snacks and eating for other places.
- Encourage your friends to cooperate with the driver by using good conduct on the bus.
- Keep feet off seats or the back of seats.
- Avoid any kind of behavior that could cause damage to the bus.