

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY FOR DISTRICT STUDENTS

Transportation for eligible students will be provided only at consistent pick-up and drop-off points. Unless in an emergency, daily changes will not be honored. A phone call is necessary in case of emergency. Parents may pick up or drop off students (in the upper parking lot) provided there is a written note.

This policy has been adopted as a result of the unusually large number of requests we have received to have children dropped off or picked up at places other than their home. It has become difficult to notify the bus drivers of all the changes and results in confusion and delays.

## STUDENT CARS

Students who drive cars to school may not use the school parking lots. The limited space available is needed for school staff/personnel and our visitors. Please do not allow your child to drive to school if he/she cannot abide by this rule.

## BUS RULES

1. No standing or moving while the bus is in motion.
2. No yelling or foul language.
3. No throwing of anything.
4. No hands or arms outside windows.
5. Keep hands, feet and all possessions to oneself.
6. Obey the bus driver.

If any of these rules are disobeyed, the following consequences will result:

1. Driver warns student.
2. Letter sent home to parents.
3. Further disciplinary action.

In cases of severe misbehavior (striking driver, starting fire, pushing door open, etc.) automatic loss of bus privileges may follow and the length of suspension will be determined by the Principal.

School Bus and School Zone Safety Information from SafetyNY.NY.GOV

This sign means you are near a crosswalk in a school zone.

- When school is opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, the area around the school is a very busy and crowded. There will be many children using the crosswalk.
- Car drivers, bikers and in-line skaters **must stop** to allow people in the crosswalk to cross the street.
- It is important to look carefully to the **left, right and left** again if you have to cross the street.

## DANGER ZONES AROUND A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

When you are waiting for the school bus, you should wait at the bus stop, and stand well back from the curb.

When you get off the bus:

- Look to the rear of the bus before you step off the bottom step. Our friends at the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute tell us that more and more motorists are passing stopped school buses on the right shoulder - where the door is.
- Take (five giant steps) straight out the bus door, and out of the danger zone.
- Make sure you have eye contact with the driver, and wait for the driver to signal you before you cross in front of the bus.
- **Never** go back for anything you have left on the bus.
- **Never** bend down near or under the bus.

### Walking near school:

- When school is opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, it is a busy and crowded area.
- There are children being dropped off or picked up by both school buses and parents.
- It is important to look carefully to the **left, right and left** again if you have to cross the street.
- If you must walk through parked traffic, stop and look carefully before stepping out from between vehicles.
- Remember the **danger areas around school buses** where the driver can't see you.
- Don't run between parked cars and buses.
- Don't run across the street or through a parking lot trying to catch up with your friends.

### School Bus Behavior:

Your school district probably has a school bus behavior policy. Your bus driver's number one interest is your safety. He or she will ask you to be on your best behavior.

- It is important to listen to your bus driver in case there are any special instructions for your bus ride.
- Sit quietly in your seat.
- Speak quietly to the other children near you.

Do not jump up and down, fight or tease other passengers or make a lot of noise. These activities can bother your bus driver and he or she will not be able to give proper attention to driving.

These behaviors can bother **any** driver, including your family or a friend's family, and make it hard drive safely.

### Clothing can get caught:

Jacket and sweatshirt drawstrings, backpack straps, scarves and loose clothing may get caught on the bus handrail or door. This is not only a danger while getting on or off the bus, but could happen any place on the bus.