

Message to parents

This pamphlet has been designed to complement the K-2 section of the DINOBUS Safety Program. Please take the time to go over it and reintroduce these safety concepts to your children. Our bus drivers are trained to deliver the children safely to and from school but this is a team effort that requires the help of all involved. Thank you for your help in running a safe pupil transportation system. If you have any questions regarding school safety, please feel free to contact the school district office.

Time for school

- ◆ Please be on time. Leave home early enough to be at your stop at least 5 minutes before the bus arrives.



- ◆ Walk safely. Stay on the sidewalks or, if there are none, walk on the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic. Always remember to look both ways before crossing the street.



At the bus stop

- ◆ Stay on the sidewalk or side of the road while you wait for the bus.
- ◆ Respect people's property.
- ◆ When crossing the roadway to get on the bus, **always cross in front of the bus.**
- ◆ Wait for the bus to make a complete stop with the red lights flashing, and look at the driver for the signal that will indicate that it's O.K. to cross.
- ◆ Keep away from the bus path.



Getting on the bus



- ◆ Form a line. Wait your turn to get on the bus.
- ◆ Move along. Step quickly and use the handrail when you are entering or leaving the bus. Watch your step.
- ◆ Go directly to your seat and sit down.

The bus ride

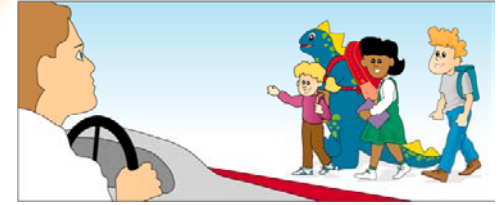
- ◆ Share your seat.
- ◆ Talking is allowed on the bus, but please keep your voice low.
- ◆ Keep the aisles clear. Place your book bag on your lap. Standing in the aisle is not permitted.
- ◆ If the driver allows you to open a window, keep your hands, arms and head inside. Throwing objects out of the window could cause an accident or damage.
- ◆ Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.

Getting off the bus

- ◆ Keep an eye out for your stop. Get ready. When your stop is near, gather your book bag, lunchbox, etc.
- ◆ Wait until the bus makes a complete stop before getting up from your seat.
- ◆ Always walk and remember to be courteous. Let others in front of you get off first.
- ◆ Remember to use the handrail.
- ◆ Always get off at your own stop.



Leaving the bus



- ◆ Move away from the bus, at least 3 giant steps (2 metres).
- ◆ If you must cross the road, always cross in front of the bus.
- ◆ Take 5 giant steps along the front of the bus.
- ◆ Pass the crossing arm; stop; look both ways.
- ◆ Wait for the bus driver to give you the signal to cross.
- ◆ Look both ways again and then walk across the road.
- ◆ Playing around the bus is dangerous so make sure you walk away.

It's up to you.....

If an emergency situation arises, you can help by staying calm. Listen to the driver and follow instructions.

Always obey the driver

The bus driver is there to help you get to and from school safely. Help him/her do his/her job well.



More training

Within the first month or two of school, all students will also be going through an emergency evacuation with their driver.

B U S Beginning to Understand Safety



School Bus *Basic* RULES

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- ➔ Obey the driver
- ➔ Respect others
- ➔ Remain seated
- ➔ Keep aisle clear
- ➔ Talk quietly

Violation will result in disciplinary action

Daily Inspection

- Ensure that your children are dressed according to the weather forecast.
- Verify that clothing and backpacks are free of drawstrings as they are known to create accidents on the bus and on the playground.
- For improved visibility, have your child wear brightly coloured clothing.
- As a parent/guardian, it is your duty to make sure someone is home to take care of your child after school.



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