

Procedures for safely boarding and leaving a school bus.

Be on time - Always line up single file to board (no pushing or shoving) - Do not approach the bus until the driver opens the door - Use the handrail - Take one step at a time - Be seated quickly – Remain seated until the bus stops at your stop - Walk to the door - Move out of the "Danger Zone" - If you must cross the street, wait for the driver's instruction or signal - Go directly home.

Procedures for safe crossing of vehicle lanes.

Move away from the side of the bus (if you can touch the bus, you are too close) - As you move away from the bus, move to a point at least 10 feet in front of the bus - Turn toward the driver and make eye contact (see that the driver sees you) - Wait for the driver to signal you that it is safe to cross (either by the public address or by hand signal) - Walk 120 feet in front of the bus, stopping to check for vehicles that might violate the stop arm - When it's safe, complete the crossing.

School bus evacuations and other emergency procedures.

There are three different evacuation plans: (A) using only the front service door (B) using only the rear (or side) emergency door, and (C) using both the service door and the emergency door. All students should know the location and basic function of the emergency equipment. In a real emergency, student should leave personal belongings on the bus. Students should gather in a group in a safe area about 100 feet away from the bus.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities for Transportation Safety

- Become familiar with District rules and policies, regulations and principles of school bus safety.
- Assist students in understanding safety rules and encourage them to abide by them.
- Recognize their responsibilities for the actions of their students.
- Support safe riding practices and reasonable discipline efforts.
- When appropriate, assist students in safely crossing local streets before boarding and after leaving the bus.
- Support procedures for emergency evacuation, and procedures in emergencies as set up by the School District.
- Respect the rights and privileges of others.
- Communicate safety concerns to school administrators.
- Monitor bus stops, if possible.
- Support all efforts to improve school bus safety.
- Be familiar with the student handbook.



Benson Public Schools

Student School Bus Safety Training



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Plan for Student Transportation Safety Training

The school district shall provide students enrolled in grades K10 with age-appropriate school bus safety training. The training shall be results oriented and shall consist of both classroom instruction and practical training using a school bus. Upon completing the training, a student shall be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the following concepts:

- transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right;
- district policies for student conduct and school bus safety;
- appropriate conduct while on the school bus;
- the danger zones surrounding a school bus;
- procedures for safely boarding and leaving a school bus;
- procedures for safe street or road crossing; and
- school bus evacuation. Each nonpublic school located within the district must provide

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions or events. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the school bus or at the bus stop.

Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the Building Principal. In addition, all school bus/bus stop misconduct will be reported to the District's Transportation Safety Director (Transportation Supervisor). Serious misconduct may be reported to the Department of Public Safety and may be reported to local law enforcement.

School Bus and Bus Stop Rules

The School District school bus safety rules are to be posted on every bus. If these rules are broken, the School District's discipline procedures are to be followed. Consequences are progressive and may include suspension of bus privileges. It is the school bus driver's responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the School District's Transportation Supervisor and School Principal.

Rules at the Bus Stop

- Get to your bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.
- Respect the property of others while waiting at your bus stop.
- Keep your arms, legs and belongings to yourself.
- Use appropriate language.
- Stay away from the street, road or highway when waiting for the bus.
- Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.
- After getting off the bus, move away from 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.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horse-play.
- No use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
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Rules on the Bus

- Immediately follow the directions of the driver.
- Sit in your seat facing forward.
- Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
- Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
- Keep your arms, legs and belonging to yourself.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horse-play.
- Do not throw any object.
- No eating, drinking or use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
- Do not bring any weapon or dangerous objects on the school bus.
- Do not damage the school bus.

KEY CONCEPTS

Transportation is a privilege, not a right. (M.S. 123.801)

A student's eligibility to ride a school bus may be revoked for a violation of school bus safety or conduct policies, or for violation of any other law governing student conduct on a school bus, pursuant to a written school district discipline policy. Revocation of a student's bus riding privilege is not an exclusion, expulsion,

sion, or suspension under the pupil fair dismissal act of 1974. Revocation procedures for a student who is an individual with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, United States Code, title 20, section 1400 et seq., section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, United States Code, title 29, section 794, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law Number 101-336, are governed by these provisions.

The School Bus is an extension of the classroom.

District conduct and discipline policies apply to the school bus and to bus stop areas as well as to school buildings and grounds.

The "Danger Zone" surrounding a school bus.

The "Danger Zone" is the area within 10 feet of the bus. The two areas which are the most dangerous, due to limited driver visibility, are the right rear area (including the right rear wheels) and the front of the bus (including the front corners).

Appropriate conduct while on the bus.

Be on time - Stay out of the "Danger Zone" - Follow driver's instructions - Always stay seated - Be courteous, no fighting, swearing or yelling - No eating or drinking - Keep the bus clean - Do not damage the bus - Keep your hands and arms inside the bus windows - No pets or dangerous objects.

