



LINCOLN

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Rules for getting on and off the school bus

Getting on the school bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

Behavior on the bus

- Students must use the front door for boarding and unloading the school bus.
- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.
- Bus drivers have the right to assign seats.
- Items may not be thrown on the bus.
- Fighting on the bus is not allowed.
- Cursing on the bus is not allowed.
- **All school rules** should be followed at all times because the bus is an extension of the school.
- All students **MUST** stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Students may not hop over or crawl under seats.
- Destruction of school bus property (windows, seats, etc.) is not allowed.
- Food and drinks are not allowed on the school bus.
- Students are to keep their area clean and free of debris.
- The school is not responsible for items left on the school bus.
- Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Keep aisles clear - books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
- At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat, then walk to the front door and exit, using the handrail.
- Students may not open the rear emergency exit unless there is an emergency.
- Failure to follow the bus rules will result in disciplinary actions ranging from warnings to the entire loss of bus privileges.

Getting off the school bus

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
- When the driver signals, walk across the road keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Correct way to cross the street

- Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.
- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
- If student's vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles -- then stop, and look left-right-and left again.

BUS RULES SHOULD ALSO BE FOLLOWED ON FIELD TRIPS.