## Safety Rules

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### Parental Responsibilities:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 6A-3.0121, parents/guardians have the following responsibilities:

1. To ensure the safe travel of their students during the portions of each trip to and from school and home when the students are not under the custody and control of the school district, including during each trip to and from home and the assigned bus stop when the school district provides bus transportation.

2. To ensure that students ride only in their assigned school buses and get off only at assigned bus stops, except when the district has approved alternative buses or arrangements.

3. To ensure students are aware and follow the districts adopted Code of Student Conduct while the students are at school bus stops and to provide necessary supervision during times when the bus is not present.

4. To ensure that, when the physical disability of the student renders the student unable to get on and off the bus without assistance, the parent or guardian provides the necessary assistance to help the student get on and off at the bus stop, as required by district policy or the student's individual educational plan.

Parents should encourage their children to carry all school materials in a backpack. This will reduce the chance of a child dropping something or trying to retrieve articles that may fall under
or near the bus. Children should wear reflective material and avoid having coats with drawstrings to ensure their safety while loading and unloading the bus.

To help in making your children's bus trip safe and enjoyable, they should know the following safety rule:

**Waiting for the School Bus**

- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Stay a safe distance from the road-at least 10'.
- Be at the stop ten minutes early. The driver has a schedule to keep and cannot wait.
- Be in line when the school bus approaches.
- Stay clear of the road by at least 10' until the school bus comes to a complete stop.
- Don't play or push others.
- Cross the highway in front of the bus only when given permission by the bus driver.

**Boarding the School Bus**

- Let the smaller children board first.
- Always use the handrail and go up and down the steps one at a time
- Don't push, crowd, or disturb others.
- Go to your seat and be seated.
- No animals of any kind are allowed.

**Cooperating with the Driver**

- Drivers will assign seats. Obey drivers; they have safety in mind.
- Students may not have anything that could cause injury to others.
- Place books and other gear on your lap.
- Keep the aisles and exits clear. Wait until the bus completely stops before standing. Get off only at your stop.
- Ask drivers about opening windows.
- Don't interfere with or distract drivers.
- Keep head and arms inside the bus and keep your feet on the floor.
- Don't throw objects inside or out of the bus.
- No smoking, eating, drinking, chewing tobacco or using drugs.
- Don't vandalize the bus. Help keep it clean.
- The emergency door and exit controls may be used only during supervised drills or actual emergencies.
- Everyone must demonstrate good citizenship by cooperating with school bus drivers.
- Students eligible for transportation must use the school bus stop that is assigned by Student Transportation Services.
- Students may not ride another bus without presenting the driver with a bus pass issued by the principal or designee.

**What Students may carry on the School Bus**

- Only those items that can be carried on a child's lap.

- Musical instruments that **may be taken** on the bus:
  - Baby Baritone
  - Elementary Bell Set
  - Flute
  - Clarinet
  - Cornet
  - Saxophone (Alto)
  - Trombone
  - Trumpet
• Violin
• Viola

What Students may not carry on the School Bus

• Skateboards, large sport bags.
• Musical instruments that may not be taken on the bus:
  • Cellos half and full size
  • French Horn
  • Saxophone (Baritone & Tenor)
  • Snare Drum