

USD 357 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Transportation provided by the Board of Education is consider an extension of the classroom, therefore all school rules and regulations apply
2. The school bus driver is in charge of and responsible for the safety of all passengers riding the bus. Students will follow reasonable instructions from the driver promptly and courteously.
3. Students shall not bring and/or use any item on the bus, which could be hazardous to passengers. (Such as tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, glass containers, combustible/flammable products... etc.) Only approved service animals shall be permitted on the bus.
4. Students shall refrain from shouting, loud noises, profanity or obscene gestures when riding the bus. Students must be quiet at railroad crossings and remain so until the bus is safely clear of railroad tracks and right of away.
5. Students will remain seated and facing forward until the bus is stopped for them to depart. No body parts or objects shall extend outside the bus or in the aisle.
6. No eating or drinking on route buses is permitted unless medically necessary and approved.
7. Students will need permission by their parent/guardian, along with approval from the school principal or transportation director, to be discharged or picked up at a location other than their own designated stop.
8. Students who willfully damage the bus will be held responsible for such damage. Any accidental damage must be reported to the driver.
9. Proper boarding and departing instructions from the driver will be followed. Basic guidelines are:
 - Students should be ready five minutes prior to pick up time.
 - Students will stand ten feet away from the travel portion of the roadway
 - Students shall use the safety handrail when boarding or departing the bus.
 - Students boarding the bus will go directly to their assigned seat.
 - Students who must cross the road when boarding or departing the bus, will wait until the driver signals them to cross and should look both ways for traffic before crossing. Students shall cross at least ten feet in front of the bus.
 - Students will leave the danger zones of the bus and roadway quickly and not return to the bus to retrieve items.
 - Checking mailboxes will not be allowed during departure or pick up.
10. Parents are encouraged to notify the transportation office at **620-488-3599** when your child is not riding the bus. School closing and delays will be announced on public radio, Television, and through school messenger calls

Parents and Guardians

Please review the bus rules with your children.