

# Rider Responsibilities

## A. Going to the Bus Stop

1. Use sidewalks where provided.
2. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left shoulder of the street or roadway facing traffic, single file or no more than two abreast.
3. Cross streets at corners.
4. Use a direct route, but avoid crossing yards or empty lots to get to the bus stop.
5. Arrive no more than 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to stop.
6. Be aware of suspicious individuals (young, old, male, female) on foot or in motor vehicles. Report such persons to your bus driver or school principal.  
**EVEN IF YOU HAVE MISSED THE BUS, DO NOT ACCEPT RIDES FROM STRANGERS.**

## C. Boarding the Bus

1. Wait until the bus has stopped and the door is opened before starting to board.
2. Board single file—youngest students first **PLEASE!**
3. Continue to show respect for others by not pushing or shoving.
4. Use the hand rail to keep from slipping, falling or tripping.
5. Greet the driver!
6. Move directly to your seat.
7. Put large items (musical instruments, packages, etc.) in seat area or under the seat but not in the aisle.

## B. Waiting at the Bus

1. Wait **away** from the traffic. Stay at least three feet off the road or street.
2. Respect the property around the bus stop. Do not pick flowers or shrubs, throw stones, snowballs, litter, etc.
3. Use appropriate language at all times.
4. Avoid blocking sidewalks or drive ways.
5. Respect other students by not pushing, shoving or fighting.
6. Stay back until the bus is **actually stopped**. A PUSH AT THE MIDDLE OR END OF THE LINE CAN SEND THE FRONT PERSON INTO THE BUS OR UNDER ITS WHEELS.
7. Older students can be helpful to younger ones.

## D. Riding on the Bus

1. Follow the driver's instructions.
2. Remain in your seat until the bus arrives at your stop.
3. Speak in a quiet voice. Your voice should not be heard above others.
4. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
5. Do not throw objects inside the bus or out the window.
6. Do not use profanity, including words or gestures.
7. Do not tease or harass others.
8. Do not spit.
9. Do not eat, drink or chew gum.
10. Do not vandalize the bus.

