

# Bus Safety and Code of Conduct

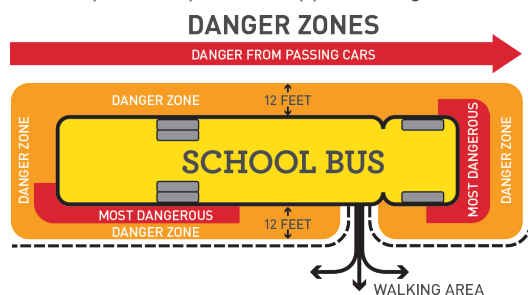
## Other reference Policy EEAE

Policy JK and JK-R (Student Discipline) shall control student discipline related to misconduct by students on school buses, district vehicles, or any transportation provider utilized by the district.

**NOTE: These rules apply to bus routes, field trips and athletic trips.**

## Safety and Etiquette Tips

- Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time in the morning.
- Walk safely to the bus stop and wait safely away from traffic. Line up so you're ready to get on the bus and wait until it has come to a complete stop before approaching.



- When crossing the street, always cross 10 feet in front of the bus. Look left, right, and left again to check for traffic before crossing.
- Watch your step and use the handrail when getting on and off the bus.



If a student regularly violates these rules, the bus driver or paraprofessional will notify their supervisor, who will work with the family to address the behavior.

## Student Code of Conduct

1. Obey the bus driver and bus assistant at all times, and also be respectful of other passengers.
2. Find your assigned seat quickly and sit quietly. Remain seated, keeping the aisle clear, while the bus is moving. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before leaving your seat.
3. Do not throw anything off the bus. Do not stick your head or arms outside of windows.
4. Talk in normal tones; loud rude, vulgar or obscene language is prohibited.
5. Keep the bus clean and free of damage.
6. All student items – such as musical instruments, athletic equipment and backpacks – must be in their possession at all times, and must be carried in their lap or properly secured under a seat.
7. Skateboards, scooters and roller blades are only allowed on the school bus if they are secured in a bag.
8. No bullying, harassment, aggressive behavior or discriminatory or abusive language toward the driver or others is permitted, on or off the bus.
9. State law and/or district policy prohibits the following items on school buses: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons or facsimile weapons, animals, insects, glass items, explosives, fireworks, and other dangerous or legally prohibited items.
10. Students can get off the bus only at their designated stops. Any changes require a parent/guardian's written request that has been approved by a school administrator and by Transportation.
11. Only assigned students and school staff are allowed to ride on a school bus, unless special permission is granted by Transportation or a school leader.

## Additional Information:

For more on the school's, student's, parent's and Transportation Services' role in Bus Safety, visit the "Training & Safety" tab on the "Information for Schools and Departments" page at [Transportation.dpsk12.org](http://Transportation.dpsk12.org).