

TRANSPORTATION

Buses

All buses drop off students in the parking lot along Nineteen Mile Road in the morning. In the afternoon, buses pick-up students from the same parking lot. Check with your bus driver on the morning of your first day in order to see where the bus will be parked after 6th hour. Behavior guidelines for bus riders are covered in the student code of conduct.

Guidelines-Bus Safety

Students who ride the bus **must not** jeopardize their own safety or the safety of others. Busing is a privilege which will be denied if students do not follow bus safety rules.

While riding on the school bus, each student should remember that the bus driver is not only responsible for his/her bus but has complete authority and responsibility to control the conduct of bus passengers while in transit. In order to maximize the safety of the students, the following guidelines and procedures were implemented:

- ◆ All students MUST follow the instructions given by the driver.
- ◆ If a student fails to follow instruction and violates the bus safety requirements, the driver will issue a written violation.
- ◆ If the violation is a major infraction of the bus rules, a student may be suspended from bus service on the very first violation.

Guidelines-Bus Requirements

1. Students must be at their designated stop 10 minutes before the bus arrives. Drivers may not wait for tardy students.
2. If it is necessary to cross the road upon boarding or after leaving the bus, students will observe the following rules:
 - ◆ Make sure that the bus has stopped completely.
 - ◆ When crossing the road, wait for a signal from the driver, look both ways, and then, if safe, proceed across the road in front of the bus.
 - ◆ **Walk in front** of the bus when crossing the road.
3. Students may be required to sit two per seat when necessary, possibly three.
4. Students must not change bus stops without prior written permission from the transportation department.
5. Students must not cross major roads as designated by the district via the transportation department.
6. Students who damage the bus in any way will be responsible for the cost of the damage and may have riding privileges revoked until restitution is made.

Cooperation Needed

1. Students should move to board the bus only when it has completely stopped, and the door is open.
2. Observe the same conduct that is required in the Chippewa Valley Code of Conduct.
3. Fighting and horseplay will not be tolerated.
4. Act courteously and be respectful in words and deeds.
5. Students will not eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus.
6. Keep the bus clean.
7. Students may not place objects of any kind near the driver or in the aisles. Extra items must be stored under the seats or carried by students.
8. The following items may not be brought on a bus: alcohol, tobacco in any form, animals, glass containers, helium balloons, matches, lighters, or weapons of any nature.
9. Smoking is strictly prohibited.
10. Keep head, hands, feet and other objects out of the aisle and inside of the bus.
11. Students must always remain seated. They should leave their seats in order to exit the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop.
12. Students are forbidden from throwing objects.
13. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.
14. Students will not tamper with any mechanisms or switches on the bus, including the emergency door.

Parents' Responsibility

The parents' support and cooperation regarding all bus rules are needed for the safe transportation of our students. If you have any questions regarding the route, please call the transportation department at 723-2160.

