



## School Bus Safety Rules & Regulations

As a parent, you can help ensure our students arrive to and from school safely each day by instructing your children in these bus safety rules & regulations:

- Be sure your child arrives at their bus stop 5 to 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, remind your child to stand at least 5 giant steps away from the curb and line up away from the bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never run in front of or behind the school bus to pick up something that your child dropped or forgot.
- Make sure you tell your child never to get on the bus until it has completely stopped.
- After the bus stops and the door opens, remind your child to take firm hold of the handrail and get onto the bus.
- Never push another student while getting on or off the bus.
- All students riding the bus should go directly to a seat and sit quietly. This allows the bus driver to concentrate on driving safely.
- Students should never place any part of their body through the bus window.
- When outside of the bus, make sure your child is aware of the danger zones and is always within sight of the bus driver. The *Danger Zone* is a 10-foot wide area on all sides of a school bus -- an area where children are in the most danger of being hit. Children should be taught to stay 10 feet away from a school bus (*or as far away as they can*) and never go behind it. They should be told to take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing so the driver can see them.



- Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted on the bus.
- Profane or obscene language is prohibited on the bus at all times.
- Students are to stay in the seat assigned to them by the driver.
- Students are to remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- The bus is to be treated with respect. Students are not to be destructive. The cost to repair or replace any vandalized property will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Students cannot bring any item on the bus that cannot be held on their lap comfortably. *This is a regulation of the New York State Department of Transportation.*
- Supervision at the bus stop as well as to and from the bus stop to home is a parent responsibility.
- Students needing to get on or off the bus at a place other than their regularly scheduled bus stop must have written permission from their parent/guardian, *as well as permission from the building principal*, prior to boarding the bus. No student will be granted a bus change for the purpose of going to his/her place of employment, parties, social events, or for parental convenience. Emergency requests may be granted for a short period of time and may include such situations as hospitalization, death in family, etc...
- A student's riding privilege may be suspended if their conduct interferes with bus safety or violates bus riding rules and regulations.

***Marlboro Central School District Policy mandates that all kindergarten students be put on and taken off the bus by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult.  
There are no exceptions to this policy.***

If you have any questions or concerns relative to transportation, please do not hesitate to contact Quality Bus Service at 845-561-3185. Thank you!

