

## **BUS SAFETY AND CONDUCT RULES**

According to Minnesota Law and District 518 Board of Education Policy, riding the school bus is a privilege. Continued or serious misbehavior is a danger to the safety of all bus riders and can be cause for loss of bus riding privileges and even suspension from school.

1. For the safety of all:
  - Avoid Horseplay
  - Avoid distracting the driver
  - Respect all riders
2. Load and unload buses only when stopped.
3. Remain seated when the bus is in motion.
4. Know all bus emergency exits and procedures.
5. Show respect to the bus driver:
  - Listen and follow directions given by the driver. (The driver has the authority to assign seats.)
  - Only talk to the driver when the bus is not moving.
  - The driver will make every effort to be on schedule and promote safety.
6. In general, the district's code of classroom behavior applies to bus rider ship:
  - Use inside voices when talking on the bus.
  - No profanity or suggestive language.
  - Respect other passengers and the bus.
  - No throwing of objects or hanging out of windows.
  - Individuals who violate the rules will be disciplined.
7. According to school district policy:
  - No weapons or dangerous items will be permitted on school buses.
  - Clothing bearing messages of gangs, or a violent or sexual nature may not be worn.
  - Possession, use or evident or use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances is strictly prohibited.
  - Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated or allowed.
8. Bus aisles must be kept free.
9. Students should stay 10 feet away from the bus on all four sides, and should not walk in back of the bus when it is loading or unloading.
10. When entering or exiting the bus:
  - Line up in an orderly manner.
  - Avoid pushing and horseplay.
  - Remain outside the bus safety zone – if you can touch the bus, you are too close.