
 Important Bus Safety Rules and Information 
Chicago Public School – Bureau of Student Transportation Services
Decatur Classical School



Bus Conduct and Safety Rules: Parents should discuss these bus conduct and safety rules with their children. To insure the safety of those who ride the bus to and from school or on a field trip, observance of certain rules is necessary. Respect for others is expected on the buses at all times. Your child should understand that riding a school bus is a privilege and unruly conduct on the bus is a risk to the safe operations of the bus.

1. As the school bus is an extension of the school program, the bus driver/teacher is in full charge of the bus and students. Students are expected to be courteous and listen to the driver.
2. Students must wear seat belts properly and remain seated until the bus arrives at your stop or destination.
3. Students are to show respect and courtesy at ALL times to their fellow passengers and driver.
4. There is no eating, drinking, or exchanging of food on the bus.
5. All items, including book bags are to be placed under the seat or on your lap. Aisles are not to be blocked with anything, including feet.
6. Students are to use a quiet normal voice when talking. Fighting, yelling or loud talking is not permitted.
7. No object is to be thrown into, out of or inside the bus.
8. Do not put your head or arms out of the windows when on the bus.
9. Harassment or intimidation of others is not permitted.



In addition to the safety rules above, students who ride the bus daily are to:

1. Arrive at their bus stop 10 minutes before pick-up time. The bus driver is not permitted to wait for students.
2. Stand on the curb or sidewalk, not in the street, while waiting for the bus.
3. Board the bus immediately moving in an orderly manner once the driver has signaled you to board the bus.
4. Remain on school property after the bus arrives at school.
5. Make sure your child knows the safest route to and from the bus stop.
6. Students are assigned a bus. Students exit and enter only at their designated bus stop. Bus drivers are not permitted to take special requests for dropping children at bus stops other than their own. Notes sent to school requesting that students be dropped at other bus stops (i.e.: for play dates, class projects, etc.) will be denied.



The Student Code of Conduct of the Chicago Public Schools is the guide to student behavior in school and on the bus. School bus discipline is a cooperative effort among student, parent, bus driver and school administration to ensure the safety of all students. We all share in the responsibility to ensure that children get to and from school safely every day.



The school will conduct a safe bus evacuation drill once a year that all students will participate in.

**I have reviewed the Bus Safety Rules and Information with my child.
My child understands the rules and has agreed to follow them.**

Student Signature

Room

Parent Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET INTACT. DO NOT CUT OFF THE BOTTOM. THANK YOU.
This information will be available in the School Handbook. September 2014



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