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**NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT -
SCHOOL BUS RIDER'S SAFETY GUIDE**
(PARENTS / GUARDIANS, PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD.)

School Bus Stops. A list of school bus stops near each pupil's home is available upon request from the school office.

General Procedures for Loading and Unloading at bus stops and other locations:

- Follow the directions of the bus driver and the bus aide at all times.
- Leave home early enough to reach the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Do not play or run around at the bus stop or make loud noises.
- Walk. Don't run. Stay on the sidewalk, or if there is no sidewalk, stay as far as possible away from traffic. Walk facing oncoming traffic. Cross streets only at intersections or crosswalks.
- Students are to wait at least 12' forward of the bus stop area. Students must wait in a single file line.
- Wait until the door opens before moving toward the bus.
- Do not bring any pets or glass objects with you, they will not be allowed in the bus.
- Enter the bus in an orderly manner. Remain seated at all times. The bus driver may assign seats.
- When you are getting off the bus wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the door has opened before getting up from your seat. Exit the bus in an orderly manner.
- After leaving the bus, move away from the bus and out of the danger zone (12' around the bus).
- The bus driver will escort anyone who must cross the street (at the bus stop) before or after getting on/off the bus. Do not cross by yourself; let the bus driver know you need to cross the street. The bus driver will use an approved hand-held stop sign and the red flashing lights to escort you (and your parent if they are with you) across the street.
- Be aware that not all motorists stop when the school bus red lights flash. Always wait on the side of the road until the bus driver tells you to cross the street at the bus stop.
- Never cross the street behind the bus.
- If there is an emergency stay calm and follow the directions of the bus driver and/or aide.

General Rules:

- Remain seated at all times.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Talk quietly and only to the person next to you.
- No eating or drinking at any time.
- Follow the direction of the Bus Driver and Bus Aide at all times.

