

NILES CITY SCHOOLS - Bus Safety Rules



Whether a student rides back and forth to school or rides the school bus on an occasional field trip, it is important to know the bus safety rules. Parents and students should review rules together and sign the form below in the spaces provided.

1. Pupils must arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Pupils must wait in a location clear of traffic and away from the bus stop -driver's designated place of safety.
3. Behavior at the school bus stop must not threaten life, limb or property of any individual.
4. Pupils must go directly to an assigned seat so the bus may safely resume motion. They must sit in a position that will provide maximum protection by the barrier.
5. Pupils must remain seated keeping aisles and exits clear.
6. Pupils must observe classroom conduct. They should obey the driver promptly and treat the driver and all other students respectfully, without harassment or bullying.
7. Pupils must not use profane language.
8. Pupils must refrain from eating, drinking and chewing gum on the bus.*
9. Pupils must not use any form of tobacco.
10. Pupils must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
11. Pupils must not put head or arms out the bus windows.
12. Pupils may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps. Do not bring large school projects or pets on the bus.
13. Pupils must leave or board the bus at the location they have been assigned. Parental and administrative authorization is required to do otherwise.
14. Weapons of any nature are not to be brought to any school building or function; nor are they permitted on the school bus.

* There may be situations on field or athletic trips where food may be consumed on the bus with the driver's/administrator's permission, and only when the bus is stopped.

SAFETY SIGNALS

When students get on or off the bus and must cross a street, the driver will give the crossing signal by slowly dropping their hand straight down when it is safe to cross. Students should ALWAYS check traffic on their own before crossing. If the driver blows the horn, that means **DANGER!** Check traffic again - if the student sees no danger, he/she should look back at the driver for further instructions.

IMPORTANT DISCIPLINARY NOTE

Failure to obey the bus rules will result in a written conduct report to the building principal. Disciplinary action may take the form of loss of transportation privileges.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the bus safety rules. I understand that my child will be audio and video recorded while aboard buses for their safety and the safety of others. I further understand that there are expectations for student conduct and acceptable behavior while on the bus, and I agree to work with Niles City Schools to assure that my child meets these requirements.

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Student's School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____