

What families need to know...

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## SCHOOL BUS RULES



- 1 Sit facing forward and stay seated at all times.
- 2 Do NOT distract the driver with inappropriate behavior.
- 3 Respect the driver, attendant, and other students.
- 4 Do NOT bully or harass physically or verbally.
- 5 NO eating or drinking on the bus and "leave no trace."

- > Elementary students (K-8) living two miles or more AND secondary students (9-12) living three miles or more from their attendance center are eligible for transportation.

*Pick-up times are accurate to within 10 minutes. Your child needs to be at the designated bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled pick-up time (and 5 minutes after the pick-up time). Pick-up times may be affected by construction, traffic, inclement weather, road conditions, and students late to their stops or not riding. Please have your child(ren) ready to meet the bus.*

- > We do appreciate daily calls from families with special education students or students living off of our main roads. Please provide the child's name, school, and the bus #.

*Children requiring vests may only ride with the vest on before boarding.*

- > Please do not bring or meet your child at a transfer stop. Students eligible for transportation will be picked-up and dropped-off only at their assigned stop

*Families may request an alternate bus stop or have a friend ride on a temporary basis. The written request should be submitted to the school principal (three days in advance if possible). The school will notify our department. The student must be an eligible bus rider and the alternate stop must be on an existing route, at a regular stop, and space is available.*

- > Please notify the school of address changes. The school will notify our department.

Go to [www.dbqschools.org/transportation](http://www.dbqschools.org/transportation) for additional resources including forms, guidelines, frequently asked questions, and an informational brochure.

### Keeping your child safe on the bus... please take a few minutes to review these tips:

- > Know bus evacuation procedures and exits. Do not panic and evacuate the bus in an orderly manner. Be silent at railroad crossings. Our drivers always expect a train.

*Be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before your scheduled pick-up time. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before you approach to board. Know and avoid the "danger zones."*

- > Remain seated and face forward at all times: "back-to-back" and "bottom-to-bottom."

*Keep the bus clean. No candy, gum, food, or drink on the bus.*

- > No profanity, obscene gestures, bullying, harassing, fighting, or "horseplay."

*Drivers can make reasonable requests and assign seats at any time.*

- > Stay inside the bus at all times. Do not have arms, legs, heads, etc. out of the windows. Remain seated and wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before standing up to exit.



^ BE AWARE OF SCHOOL BUS STOP ARMS.