SCHOOL BUS RULES & REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS

- 1. To insure safety, everyone is under the supervision of the bus driver on the bus. Passengers must respond promptly to instructions given by the bus driver including seating assignments.
- 2. The bus is an extension of the classroom and all rules of behavior for students as specified by School Board Policy and the School Handbook Manual are applicable.
- 3. Food, drink, and candy on the bus are prohibited except in unusual circumstances as specified by the Supervisor of Transportation. *Plain, clear water is the only beverage allowed on the bus. Chewing gum is permitted, as long as the students keep it in their mouths and dispose of it in a trash can when finished.*
- 4. Animals, oversized objects (including balloons), and glass containers are not permitted. Flammable items are not to be on the bus including cigarettes, vapes, lighters or matches.
- 5. Passengers must observe conduct similar to that in the classroom. *Ordinary conversation is permitted.* Horseplay, unruly behavior, abusive, obscene language or gestures are not acceptable.
- 6. Keep aisles and step-off platform clear at all times.
- 7. The student should never extend any portion of the body outside bus windows. Objects are not to be thrown from the bus.
- 8. Students are to sit in the seats. Students should not attempt to move about while the bus is in motion but remain seated until the bus stops.
- 9. Damage to the bus must be paid for by the student/guardian. Bus service will not be provided until this is done or arrangements are made.
- 10. Regular pickup time schedules must be observed by the student.
- 11. Students must wait at the proper stop and never stand in the road.
- 12. Students are to wait for the drivers signal before crossing the road to board the bus. Students are to cross well in front of the bus.
- 13. Observe driver's instructions when loading or unloading.
- 14. Drivers will not unload passengers at places other than their regular stops or at school without proper authorization from school officials.
- 15. Failure to follow regulations, procedures, or bus driver directions may result in suspension from bus service.
- 16. Parents/guardians should never board a bus to talk to the driver. Any issue or problem should be addressed at the school.
- 17. Buses equipped with seat restraints, they must be worn by both the bus driver, and the students.