

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SCHOOL DISTRICT



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SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The following guidelines have been compiled to help us provide safe and efficient school bus service. Please review them with your children. Students must respect the rights of others and cooperate with the bus driver.

1. Leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop on time. Allow a 10 minute leeway in the actual pick-up and drop-off times. Wait for the bus in a safe area.
2. Enter the bus in an orderly manner and promptly take a seat. Students are required by law to adjust and fasten seatbelt on all buses.
3. Follow the directions of the school bus driver. He or she is like a teacher on the bus.
4. Speak to your child when he or she is involved in a transportation discipline matter.
5. Remain seated while the bus is in motion. Never put anything out windows – especially arms and head. Keep the aisles clear at all times.
6. You or a caregiver should be at the bus stop when your child gets off the bus. If that is not possible, make sure your child knows exactly what to do: continue straight home, wait for you, call someone, go to a neighbor's house, or whatever you've arranged beforehand.
7. Kindergarten students will not be discharged without the parent (or authorized representative) at the bus stop. Kindergarten students will be returned to their home school. The school principal may authorize the suspension of transportation services after three student returns.
8. Walk to the bus stop in a safe and expeditious manner. Be alert to traffic when leaving the bus and never walk near the wheels of any school bus.
9. Do not permit students to enter the school the bus with gum, drinks or food. Help keep the bus clean. Parent/student will be responsible for any damage to the bus including seat covers.
10. As an additional measure of safety, all buses are equipped with surveillance cameras.
11. All students are picked up and discharged at their assigned Board approved bus stop.
12. Look both ways when crossing the street. Always cross the street in front of the bus.
13. DO NOT SMOKE on the bus.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED COOPERATION.