

## RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

Parents should encourage students to observe all safety and conduct regulations established for the safe and efficient operation of the school bus.

Parents should see that their children are at the stops **five minutes** before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

Parents should be aware that each student is assigned to **one** bus.

Parents should report any misconduct on school buses to the principal.

Parents should help supervise large numbers of children at bus stops.

Parents should report all traffic hazards and the bus numbers of all buses observed being operated carelessly to the transportation department.

### PARENTS:

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION OCCURRING AFTER SCHOOL HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW:**

WCHS 606-549-7025  
WCMS 606-549-7050  
WCCP 606-549-7060  
WCIS 606-549-8011  
WCNE 606-549-7869  
WCEE 606-549-7097  
OG 606-549-7867  
PV 606-549-7085  
Boston 606-549-7872

**IF NO ONE CAN BE REACHED AT THE SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL THE BUS GARAGE AT 606-549-7090 OR CENTRAL OFFICE AT 606-549-7000.**

## HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child gets off the school bus.

Especially dangerous are:

- **Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings.**
- **Long backpack straps.**
- **Long scarves or other loose clothing.**

Such clothing can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment as the child gets off the bus.

**Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe. Remove drawstrings from clothing whenever possible – at least, cut off the drawstring tabs and knots.**

**Also, please talk with your child about the following safety rules:**

1. **Stay away from the Danger Zones around the bus.**
2. **Make eye contact with your driver before crossing – wait for the driver's signal.**
3. **Remember – other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.**
4. **Never try to pick up something dropped near the bus – the bus driver might not see you and you could be run over.**
5. **Complete silence at all Railroad Crossings.**

## REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES 2018-2019



**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT- NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE.**

**Whitley County Board  
of Education  
300 Main Street,  
Williamsburg, KY 40769  
(606) 549-7000  
John Siler  
Superintendent**

Dear Parents,

The list of safety rules and regulations on the right is being sent to you so that you can review them with your child. Many of these rules will also be presented in the school to your child. All of the rules are drawn from State Regulations and Board Policy with one goal in mind, the safe transportation of your child to and from school.

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**EVERY CHILD MUST RETURN A COMPLETED FORM. INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR/FIELD TRIPS AND DAILY ROUTES.**

I have read and understand the regulations for students riding school buses and agree, as a passenger, to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature or Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Address (Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone Number Grade*

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*School Attending*

**FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN**  
I have read and understand the regulations for students riding a school bus and agree to assume full responsibility for my child's conduct.

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*Parent or Guardian Signature*

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**BUS NUMBER**

***THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING A SCHOOL BUS IS CONDITIONED UPON GOOD BEHAVIOR BY THE PUPIL. FIGHTING AND/OR CURSING MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LOSS OF BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES. ANY PUPIL WHO VIOLATES THE RULES OR REGULATIONS ON A SCHOOL BUS MAY LOSE BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES ON ALL WHITLEY COUNTY BUSES FOR UP TO A CALENDAR YEAR.***

**Waiting for the Bus**

1. Be at your bus stop 5 minutes ahead of time.
2. Respect other peoples property.
3. Wait in an orderly manner.
4. Stay back 10 feet from your stop.
5. Cross 10 feet in front of bus.

**Boarding the bus**

1. Only board the bus you are assigned to.
2. Wait for the driver's hand signal before approaching the bus or crossing the road.
3. Use the handrail when boarding.
4. Go quietly to your assigned seat and sit.

**Items NOT Allowed on School Buses**

1. Weapons.
2. Illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
3. Devices not under driver's control.
4. Glass containers.
5. Animals.
6. Items that cannot be held in the student's lap without extending above the seat back.
7. Any item that is likely to cause a disturbance.
8. Any type of balloon.
9. Food or drink.
10. Skateboard.
11. Incendiary items.

**Riding the Bus**

1. Obey the driver's directions.
2. Sit quietly in assigned seat.
3. Do not distract the driver's attention.
4. Do not stand in the stepwell or landing.
5. Extend nothing out bus windows.
6. Eating and drinking are not permitted.
7. Keep all carry on items in your lap.
8. Report to the driver any damage to the bus.
9. Do not throw items.
10. Complete **silence** at railroad crossings.

**Leaving the Bus**

1. Wait in your seat until the bus stops.
2. Do not crowd or push.
3. Use the handrail.
4. Do not jump off the steps.
5. Leave the bus only at your assigned stop.
6. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing road.

***Students are required to ride the same bus both morning and afternoon. Any and all changes to this policy must be approved by the student's principal.***

**“SAFETY FIRST in TRANSPORTATION”**

