



2018-2019 TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Please take the time to review the following bus safety information with your student(s).

SCHOOL BUS EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students shall arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Students must wait at their designated place of safety* at the bus stop.
3. Behavior at the school bus stop must not threaten life, limb or property of any individual.
4. Students must go directly to their assigned seat so the bus may safely resume motion.
5. Students must remain seated keeping aisles and exits clear.
6. Students must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
7. Students must not use profane language.
8. Students must refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
9. Students must not use tobacco on the bus.
10. Students must not have alcohol or drugs in their possession on the bus.
11. Students must not throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
12. Students must not put head, arms or any object out of the bus windows.
13. Students may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps.
14. Students must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned.



SCHOOL BUS PLACE OF SAFETY:

- As per state law, each student shall be assigned a designated place of safety. Students are to remain at their designated place of safety and are not to proceed to their residence or to their parent until the school bus has departed. The purpose of the place of safety is to reduce as much as possible the potential of a student being hit by a school bus while they are in the process of being picked up or dropped off.
- **The following procedures are being taught to our students by their school bus driver.**
 1. The place of safety should be at least 20 or more steps away from the bus stop.
 2. The place of safety should be far enough away from the bus so that the bus can proceed without any chance of the student running back into the path of school bus as it leaves the designated stop.
 3. When possible, the driver should choose a stationary and recognizable object – such as a tree, or sign post or 20 steps directly away from the bus.
 4. The place of safety should be such that a driver can account for the location of the child before moving the bus. At stops with multiple students, a place of safety should be identified where each student can be seen.
- There is a notable increase in vehicles that are now passing stopped school buses on the right hand side. To maximize the safety of our students and standardize our procedures across the state: **Per state law all bus drivers use a hand signal for all students - both right side and left side pickups to board their school bus. Under this state law, drivers will continue to use the hand signal to let students know it is safe to cross the road in front of the bus and also use the signal for the students at the right of the bus to let them know it is safe to board the bus.** The driver will open the door to activate the red lights, and will have his/her hand raised. The driver will ensure traffic has stopped and then will signal by dropping their hand to let the students know it is safe to approach the bus. To ensure that bus drivers can properly give the signal to students that it is safe to board the bus, **students should be waiting at their designated place of safety at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.**
- Previously, this procedure was enforced only for students who had to cross a street in front of the school bus. Recent close calls in other communities with vehicles passing school buses on the right side of the bus prompted this change in state law.
- **The safety of our students is our number one concern.**

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