



# TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



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

## SCHOOL BUS EXPECTATIONS

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| 1. HANDS, FEET and STUFF to yourself. | 5. <u>LEVEL ONE VOICES</u> and Appropriate Language. |
| 2. Keep the AISLE clear.              | 6. Exit at your ASSIGNED STOP.                       |
| 3. SIT in your ASSIGNED SEAT.         | 7. Go to the PLACE of SAFETY.                        |
| 4. FOOD and DRINK are away.           | 8. ALL SCHOOL RULES apply.                           |

Voice Levels: LEVEL ZERO = SILENCE    LEVEL ONE = QUITE TALK/CONVERSATIONAL

★ Bus Drivers are Authorized to Assign Seats Per State Law ★

## PLACE OF SAFETY

- Each student shall be assigned a designated place of safety, as per state law. 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:**
  - The place of safety should be at least 20 or more steps away from the bus stop.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

Recently, there has been a notable increase in the number of vehicles that are passing stopped school buses. To ensure the safety of our students and standardize our procedures: **Under state law, all bus drivers are to use a hand signal for all students (both right side and left side pickups). Bus drivers will continue to use the hand signal to let students know when it is safe to cross the road in front of the bus and to let students know when it is safe to board the bus.**

The driver will open the door to activate the red lights and will have their hand raised. The driver will ensure traffic has stopped and then will signal to students that it is safe to approach and board the bus by dropping their hand. 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.

**The safety of our students is our number one concern!**

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