

Mercy High School Transportation Department

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Mercy High School would like to welcome you and your daughter/son to the Transportation Department. Please read the following information that will help ensure the safety of all riders.

Parent Responsibilities

- 1. Assure your daughter/son arrives at the correct bus stop five minutes before the bus arrival time ready to board.
- 2. Assure your child reaches the bus stop safely.
- 3. Accept joint responsibilities with school authorities for proper conduct of your child while riding the bus.
- 4. Make sure your daughter/son is dressed for the weather while waiting at the bus stop.

Bus stop rules

- 1. For the safety of all students, bus riders are required to be at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up times. Students should be ready to board the bus.
- 2. Students that are required to cross the road to get on or off the bus shall <u>do so in front</u> of the bus for their safety.
- 3. Students should be respectful of the surrounding property, such as mailboxes, grass or landscaping at the stop while waiting for the bus and leave the bus stop location clean of any litter.

<u>Bus rules</u>

- 1. Students are to follow the directions of the driver.
- 2. Upon entering the bus, the student will show her/his bus card to the driver.
- 3. For safety reasons, students need to sit facing forward with their backs against the seat and their legs facing forward.
- 4. Students will be seated as directed by the driver.
- 5. Students need to be seated quickly upon entering the bus.
- 6. Students are to remain in their seats while the bus is moving.
- 7. Items not allowed in school are not allowed on the bus.
- 8. Students will not use foul or inappropriate language.

- 9. Yelling, loud voices or horseplay is not permitted on the bus.
- 10. Students are required to deposit all trash in the waste baskets either at the front or back of the bus. If food waste becomes a problem, students will lose the privilege of eating while on the bus.
- 11. Students should remain seated until the bus has stopped at their bus stop.
- 12. Students should use the hand rail when entering or leaving the bus.
- 13. Students shall not throw any kind of objects in the bus.
- 14. Students shall not throw anything out of the windows.
- 15. Students shall not stick any body part out of the windows regardless if the bus is moving or not.
- 16. No standing, jumping or sitting on the back of the bus seats.
- 17. No fighting or arguing on or outside the bus.
- 18. Never exit through the rear emergency door during normal every day conditions. This door is for emergencies only. Students are to keep emergency exits clear at all times.
- 19. After boarding the bus stop in the morning, students are not allowed to get off at any other bus stop. They must ride the bus to school.

Consequences of poor bus behavior

- 1. Students violating any of the bus rules will be dealt with by the driver, Transportation Director and School Administration.
- 2. Repeat violations may involve suspension or expulsion from the Transportation system.