

# VERMILION PARISH BUS SAFETY Middle/High school



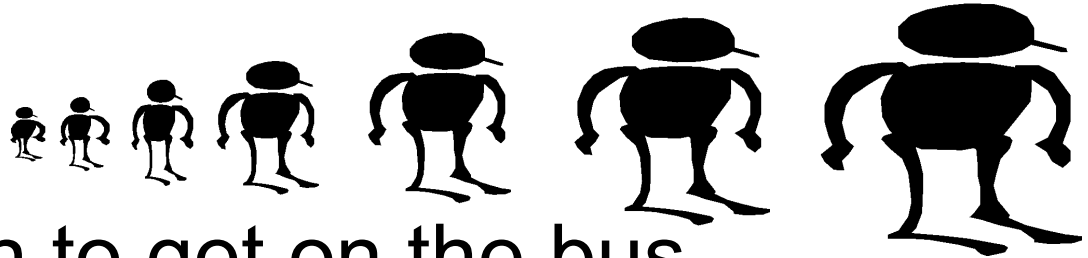


## Rules to Follow While Waiting For and While Boarding A School Bus

- Get to the stop **BEFORE** the bus is due so you don't have to run there.
- Wait at the bus stop or a few feet from the road.
- Don't horseplay!
- Watch your surroundings so that you don't get hit by a vehicle.

# Rules to Follow While Waiting For and While Boarding A School Bus

- When the bus arrives, stand **SINGLE FILE**.



- Don't push to get on the bus.
- If it is raining, don't run....you may slip.
- Use the handrails to brace yourself.
- Watch for drivers who are not paying attention to the road—they don't watch for you.



# If you drive to school:

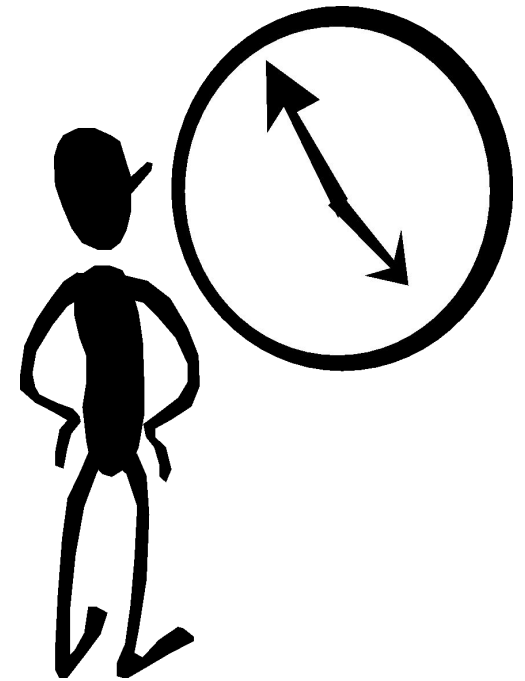
- DRIVE CAREFULLY!! Others are waiting for the bus also!
- Remember: When it rains, the roads are most slick when it starts to rain.
- Obey the STOP signs on a school bus. When the signs are out, it means kids are possibly crossing the street.

# If you drive to school:

- Leave your house early enough so that you are not tardy to school.

A flat tire or bridge that is open is no excuse for being tardy.

- Pay close attention to the bus traffic.



# Taking the bus??? Remember....

- The bus is like a classroom on wheels, act as you would in a classroom. The rules at school apply on the bus.
- This applies to uniform policies as well. Shirts must be tucked in.



# During Rainy Weather

- Be careful when exiting or entering the bus. Steps may be slippery!



- Always use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus (not only during rainy weather).

# Common Sense While on the Bus:

- Cooperate with the bus driver. They are doing a job that can be dangerous and risky at times.





# Common Sense.....



- Find a seat and **SIT DOWN**.  
It is dangerous to move around in a bus.
- Keep your body parts **INSIDE** the bus  
for obvious reasons.
- Don't make noises that will disturb the  
bus driver.



# Common Sense.....

- Wait until the bus STOPS before getting up from your seat. You wouldn't try to get out of a car going 15-20 mph.
- Keep the aisle clear of feet, books, and any objects that may obstruct the pathway or aisle.
- Leave the bus at your designated stop, unless you have permission from your parents AND school administration.

# Common Sense

- Get off of the bus promptly and orderly after it comes to a complete stop.



- **LOOK BOTH WAYS** before you cross the street. Cross in **FRONT** of the bus.



# What happens in an emergency?

- ✓ Report any emergency to the bus driver.
- ✓ Stay in your seat until the driver tells you what to do, or until you are sure of what is the safest move to make!
- ✓ Don't panic!

# LISTEN to your driver!

- It is important that you LISTEN and OBEY your bus driver's instructions in an accident. They are trained in what to do in cases of emergency. If you are told to "Stay Clear" or "Be Quiet", choose to be mature and follow the directions.





# Safety Doors and Equipment

- DO NOT open the rear safety door or use any safety equipment unless specifically told to do so by the driver. If the driver is unable to give directions, then an orderly evacuation must take place.
- IF the driver instructs someone to use the safety equipment, the person CLOSEST to it uses it.



# COOPERATE

- This is not a time to show off or act injured.
- Help younger children by keeping them calm and quiet. Believe it or not, they look up to you. You are older....act your age!!!



# IMPORTANT!!!!

- **DO NOT MOVE ANYONE WHO IS INJURED UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY (fire, etc.) !!! You may cause a more serious injury than they already suffered. Remember... First Do No Harm!**





# Be Careful if YOU are OK

- Don't become a casualty as you leave the bus. It is kind of embarrassing to hurt yourself as you leave the scene of an accident.
- Older kids should help the younger kids out of the bus.
- If you must jump from the back, **BEND** your knees **SLIGHTLY**.



# Leave Everything BEHIND!

- Unless you are directed otherwise, leave your possessions on the bus. YOU are more valuable than a book, a CD, or anything else in your bag.



# What happens after I get out?

- After you get out of the bus, everyone should go to a designated spot **AWAY** from the area. Everyone should stay together.
- Remember....your safety is important as well as that of others.

# Other Bus Safety Issues



The Law

School Law

State Law



# The following items are NOT allowed on school busses:

- Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco
- Pets (Cats, Dogs, Alligators, Other)
- Glass Objects
- Weapons (including knives)
- Objects too large to be held in your lap or placed under your seat
- Anything else that can be dangerous to you or someone else.



# Offenses and Consequences:

- First: Warning to the student by the bus driver
- Second: Parent and/or Principal conference to prevent recurrence
- Third: Possible suspension of riding privileges (time depending on seriousness of offense)



# Damage to a school bus:

- From P.T. 2:1.6.a (Public Law) - “A pupil who causes damage to a school bus shall be subject to suspension and not be readmitted until payment in full has been made for such damage or until his readmittance is directed by the superintendent.”
- Legal Reference: Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:223



# Remember

The bus driver is responsible for getting you to school and back home again safely. Treat him/her with respect and let them do their job.

There is a camera on each bus that records what happens on each route.

You are only on the bus for a short time, so follow the rules, sit back and enjoy the ride !!





# 2021-22 COVID Guidelines

- **Review current COVID-related guidelines for the bus and the bus stop**