

## **Bus Safety Rules**

**Parents:** *Please review these rules with your child before school starts.*

### **Going to the Bus Stop:**

1. Stay on the sidewalk. Cross streets only at corners.
2. Arrive at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to come.
3. For safety's sake, be sure you arrive at the stop before the bus does. If you arrive late and you are across the street when the bus arrives, wait until the bus stops and the driver gives you a signal to cross.
4. Be aware of suspicious individuals (young, old, male, female) on foot<sup>7</sup> or in cars or trucks. Report such persons to your bus driver or school principal. Even if you have missed the bus, do not accept rides from strangers.

### **Waiting at the Bus Stop:**

1. Stay at least ten feet away from the curb or street.
2. Respect the property around the bus stop.
3. Use respectful language at all times.
4. Avoid blocking sidewalks or driveways.
5. Respect other students by not pushing, shoving, or fighting.

### **Boarding the Bus:**

1. Stay back until the bus has stopped completely. A push at the middle or end of the line can send the front person into the bus or under its wheels.
2. Greet the driver and move as far back in the bus as you can before taking a seat.

### **Leaving the Bus:**

1. Get off the bus and move ten feet away.
2. Stay there until the bus driver signals you that it is safe to cross the street.
3. Then walk in front of the bus, look both ways and, if no cars are moving, cross to the other side of the street.