

# Edgewater School District

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Dear Edgewater Community,

Please see the attached documentation regarding Bus Transportation Guidelines.

Riding the bus is a privilege, and whether you attend Eleanor Van Gelder School, George Washington School, Leonia Middle School, or Leonia High School, the district's expectations remain the same.

Please read and review them with your child/children.

Sincerely,

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## **Bus Transportation Guidelines**

For students who receive busing, there are guiding policies to keep children accounted for and safe.

### **PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY**

Read and discuss with your child/children the responsibilities, behavior expectations and Warnings.

Inform your child/children of the location and times of pick up and drop off locations. Students are not allowed to utilize pick-up/drop-off locations other than their designated locations without approval.

Support school officials in their efforts to operate a safe and efficient transportation system.

If your child is walking to or from their pick up or drop off locations, please ensure the following:

1. Walk the route with your child/children before the first day.
2. Ensure your child/children get to their location at least 10 minutes prior to their bus arrival/departure.

### **STUDENT ARRIVAL/PICK-UP RESPONSIBILITY**

Arrive at your pick-up location at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled bus arrival or be ready for your school bus promptly upon your bus arrival.

Be ready to depart when your school bus arrives.

Immediately enter the building.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

- Respect yourself, others, and bus property.
- Cooperate with the bus aide, bus driver, and others.
- Enter and exit the bus one student at a time.
- Stay in your assigned seat, until you have reached your designated stop.

- Always keep your hands, head, and feet inside the bus at all times.
- Do not drop or throw objects inside or outside the bus.
- Do not eat or drink anything on the bus. Do not litter on the bus.
- No inappropriate language (name-calling or cursing in any language).
- Never bring or keep weapons, alcohol, or drugs including tobacco for yourself or anyone.
- No physical or verbal altercations (screaming at each other, hitting with hands or any other objects).
- No deviation from your designated pick-up and drop-off locations.

## **BEHAVIOR POLICY**

It is the district's policy to focus on restorative behavior practices and progressive discipline. However, if after working with students on behavior improvement, there continue to be behavior violations, further action will be taken in accordance with Policy 5600, Student Discipline/ Code of Conduct. Following regular disciplinary procedures, the policy allows the suspension of students who violate the code of conduct from riding buses. This does not imply suspension from classes. After multiple bus suspensions, and following regular disciplinary procedures, the student may be restricted from using transportation services for the rest of the school year or a portion thereof. A student's riding privilege shall not be suspended until parents are notified of the problem. When a student has been suspended from riding a bus, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the student gets to and from school safely.

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

When a student has been suspended from riding a bus, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the student gets to and from school safely.

Please note that a suspension from the bus does not mean that the student is suspended from the school (the classroom).

Parents are expected to interact appropriately with drivers and staff of all bus companies/Leonia Public Schools. Unruly behavior may result in their child suspension from the bus until the parent is counseled.

For acts of violence and threats, the student is subject to an immediate and indefinite suspension from the bus.