## **RULES FOR SAFE BUS RIDING**

- 1. Sit in the seat assigned to you. Face forward and remain seated anytime the bus is moving. Keep your feet, legs and the rest of your body out of the aisle.
- 2. In order to not distract the bus driver, speak quietly. No yelling, whistling, loud talking or shouting can be allowed. Become completely quiet when the bus stops at a railroad crossing.
- 3. No eating of food, candy or drinking of any kind is allowed on a bus. Any trash needs to be deposited in the garbage container in the front of the bus.
- 4. Keep your hands to yourself and don't bother other riders with name calling, bad language or distracting and irritating behavior. Disturbances can distract the driver, causing an unsafe situation that places everyone riding the bus in danger.
- 5. Never throw anything when you're on the bus or out of the window of the bus.
- 6. Follow the driver's directions regarding the use of personal stereos with headphones. Do not bring anything onto a bus that would not be legal or allowed in a school building.
- 7. Anytime you are not riding your assigned bus home and are not being picked up by a parent, a note must come from your parent to the office expressing permission for any alternate arrangement.
- 8. Take care of the bus. Never write, scratch or vandalize any part of the bus. You will be charged for vandalism and will be suspended from riding the bus. Never lower a window below the safety mark or ever put your hands or head out the window.
- 9. Be alert to traffic when boarding and getting off the bus; especially when crossing a road. If you drop something, wait until the bus is completely gone to retrieve it.
- 10. Finally, always cooperate with the driver. He/she has an important responsibility to get everyone safely to their destination. In an emergency situation or during poor weather conditions, extra assistance and cooperation with the driver may be needed.