

## **Bus Safety**

**The Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation operates over fifty school buses daily on more than 90 different routes, driving more than 2,500 miles a day for the over 5,200 CPCSC students. Our drivers focus primarily on driving safely; thus, all riders must obey all instructions given by the school bus driver to ensure a safe trip. The following rules are to be observed and obeyed by all persons riding Clark-Pleasant buses:**

1. Pupils shall be seated in their assigned seat upon entering the bus.
2. Students shall not stand or move at any time.
3. Indecent conduct will not be tolerated.
4. Student's are not to exit the bus until the door is open or instructed to do so.
5. Children will board and exit the bus from their assigned stop.
6. Transportation will be denied for poor behavior.
7. The same rules apply on the bus as in the classroom.
8. The driver and school administrators will manage bus disciplinary action.
9. Drinking or eating anything is not permissible on the bus.
10. All body parts must be kept inside the bus at all times.
11. Smoking is not permissible on the bus.
12. All other regular school rules apply.

### **Waiting for the Bus**

Students must be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Buses will not wait for tardy students nor will buses be sent back for tardy students. Parents need to have a back-up plan in the event their child misses the school bus.

Parents and students are responsible for conduct at the bus stop, from home to the bus stop, and from the stop to home. Students are considered under school authority when the bus driver arrives at the bus stop. Students must stay back at least 10 feet from the edge of the roadway and clear of all traffic. Do not push, shove, fight, or play while in line. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the door has opened before moving toward the bus entrance.

Students that must cross the road need to wait until the driver signals them cross. Students may cross only in front of the bus and no other location.

The capacities of the buses and the density of student location assist in designing bus routes. Students may only ride their scheduled bus and board/ de-board from their assigned stop.

### **Permanent Bus Stop Changes:**

Students that need transportation to a location other than their residency will need to fill out a request through the transportation department.

## **One- Day Bus Passes:**

Bus Passes are only available for emergency use only.

Bus routes are created with a maximum ride time of 1 hour and 15 minutes. In the event a bus route does take longer, adjustments will be made to the route to prevent excessive ride times. Bus routes will consist of one building load per bus. No routes will transfer from one building to another with the exception of Break-O-Day and Sawmill Woods. Studies have been shown that mixing age groups and grades often leads to high levels of disciplinary issues and high levels of stress. We believe it is in the best interest of the corporation and the community to keep the students on the buses with their peers.

The Transportation Department will make necessary changes during the first few weeks of school. We ask for the patience and cooperation from the community during the first few weeks as we make necessary adjustments to promote student safety.