

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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**RULES FOR SAFETY**  
**TO BE OBSERVED BY SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND PUPIL PASSENGERS**

School bus drivers are to have control of all school children conveyed between the homes of the children and the school. The driver shall keep order, maintain discipline among the children while in the bus or along the route, shall treat all the children in a civil manner, see that no child is imposed upon or mistreated while in his charge, and shall use every care for the safety of the children under his charge. School bus drivers shall assure that the following regulations are observed by all pupil passengers:

1. Each pupil shall be located immediately upon entering the bus in the place assigned by the driver.
2. No pupils shall stand or move from place to place during the trip.
3. Loud, boisterous, or profane language, or indecent conduct shall not be tolerated.
4. Pupils shall not be allowed to tease, scuffle, trip, hold, hit, or use their hands or feet or body in any other objectionable manner.
5. No windows or doors will be opened or closed except by permission of the bus driver.
6. No pupils shall enter or leave the bus until it has come to a full stop and the door has been opened by the driver.
7. The child should be waiting at his boarding station when the school bus arrives.
8. When necessary for pupils leaving a school bus to cross the road, they must keep to the right of the bus and cross in front, at a signal from the driver. The driver shall not start the bus until such pupils have safely crossed the road. This applies to all roads except when dual lane highways are separated by a parkway or dividing strip which is greater than 20 feet wide and unimproved for travel.
9. All school children who are required to cross a highway before boarding a school bus shall be instructed and shall be required by their school corporation and the driver of their school bus to wait before crossing the highway until the walk light on the school bus is flashed, indicating that it is safe for them to cross the highway.

All school children who, when unloading from a school bus, are required to cross a highway in front of the school bus shall be required by their school corporation and the driver of their school bus to proceed to a point at least ten (10) feet in front of the right front corner of the school bus, and at such point to wait until the walk light on the school bus is flashed, indicating that it is safe for them to cross the highway.



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10. The school bus driver shall be responsible for discipline on the school bus, just as the teacher is in the classroom. Problems of discipline should be discussed early with the principal and action planned before they become critical. Refusal to transport children or other punishment should be inflicted in cooperation with the school authorities and enforced by the school bus driver.
11. Upon recommendation of the bus driver, school authorities will deny the privilege of riding on the school bus to any pupil who refuses to conduct himself or herself in a gentlemanly and lady-like manner on the bus.

**BUS MANNERS**

Good manners make good sense and good safety, too. You will always be a "Grade A" rider if you always remember to:

1. Stay quietly in your seat.
2. Save snacks and homework for later.
3. Put books or bundles on lap or where they cannot slide or fall.
4. Keep your arms and legs out of the aisles.
5. Act as you would in a classroom.
6. Do not talk to driver except in emergencies.
7. No talking at all when bus is near a railroad crossing.
8. Think of your school bus as a classroom on wheels and your driver is the teacher.
9. Line up in an orderly manner to get on or off the bus. Watch steps and use handrail.
10. Leave unloading zone quickly. Be at least 10 feet in front of the bus when going across the street or road.

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