



AVON LAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Bus Safety Rules

Whether a student rides back and forth to school or rides the school bus on an occasional field trip, it is important to know the bus safety rules. Parents and students should review the rules together.

1. Students must arrive at the bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive (5 minutes early).
2. Students must wait in a location clear of traffic and at the driver's designated place of safety.
3. Behavior at the school bus stop must not threaten life, limb, or property of any individual.
4. Upon boarding, students must go directly to their assigned seat so the bus may safely resume motion. They must sit in a position that will provide maximum protection by the barrier.*
5. Students must remain seated in their assigned seat keeping aisles and exits clear.
6. Students must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and treat the driver and all other students respectfully.
7. Students must not use profane language.
8. Students must refrain from eating, drinking, and chewing gum on the bus.*
9. Students must not use tobacco, smoke, or vape in the school facilities or on the bus.
10. Students must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
11. Students may carry, on the bus, only objects that can be held in their laps. Do not bring large instruments, large school projects, or pets on the bus.
12. Students must leave and/or board the bus at the location they have been assigned. Parental AND administrative authorization is required to do otherwise.
13. Guests may ride only in emergency situations and then only after receiving permission from the building principal.
14. Weapons of any nature are not to be brought to any school building or function, nor are they permitted on the school bus.
15. Students must not put their head, feet, arms and/or objects out of the bus windows.
16. Parents of kindergarten students must be at the bus stop before and after school.

*The driver will assign seats and has the right to move student's seats if necessary.

*There may be situations on field or athletic trips where food may be consumed on the bus.

Safety Signals

- **Students crossing the street must get on and off the bus FIRST.**

AT PICKUP

- **Crossers:** the driver will have their hand up while checking traffic. When the driver drops their hand, it is now safe for student to leave their place of safety, check traffic, and if safe cross the road to board the bus.
- **Right sided pickup:** the driver will hold their hand up, when they drop their hand, the student can then leave their place of safety and board the bus.

AT DROP OFF

- **Crossers:** students are to take 10 big steps to the front of the bus (where the driver can see the student and the student can see the driver). The driver will have their hand up. When the driver drops their hand, the student can then walk to the middle of the road, check traffic, and if safe they can cross the road and stay at their assigned place of safety until the bus leaves.
- **Right sided drop off:** if there are crossers, the students getting off door side must wait until the crossing students are safely across the street and at their place of safety before they can exit the bus. If there are not any crossers, the student may exit the bus and wait at their assigned place of safety until the bus leaves.

***IF YOU HEAR THE DRIVERS HORN- THAT MEANS DANGER- CHECK WITH THE DRIVER FOR INSTRUCTIONS.**

IMPORTANT: Failure to obey the bus rules will result in a referral to the building principal. Disciplinary action may take the form of loss of transportation privileges.