## 22. SCHOOL TRANSPORT SAFETY POLICY

The school expects all students to behave appropriately and safely while riding the school bus. The rules are designed for and will be enforced to ensure the safety of all students and the driver while they are on the school bus.

### 22.1. Previous to loading - at stop or school

1) Students should be at the designated pick-up points approximately 5 minutes before pick up time.


Picture illustrated prior in time used to reach the bus stop.
2) Stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for the bus.
3) Wait until the bus comes to a complete halt and the doors are opened.
4) Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road, if necessary. Cross the road approximately 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you at all times.

## Picture illustrates the danger zones


5) No pushing, shoving or other behavior that endangers others.


Picture illustrates student should stand in the queue while loading into the bus

### 21.2 On the bus

1) The driver is in charge. Students should obey the driver's instructions promptly and respectfully.
2) Standing, changing seats or moving about places the student in an unsafe situation and will not be allowed.
3) Heads and arms are to be kept inside the bus. Throwing objects out of the window is dangerous to pedestrians and other vehicles and is not allowed.


Picture illustrates students keeping their head/arms outside of the bus is not allowed.
4) Large objects, band instruments or class projects need to be held in the students lap to prevent problems to the other passengers.
5) Glass and heavy metal objects can cause serious injury and should not be brought on the bus.
6) Animals, weapons or replicas of weapons are not permitted in the buses.
7) Laser pointers are not to be used while on the bus as they can cause serious problems to both the driver and students
8) The use of any form of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, matches, explosives or any fire causing material are absolutely forbidden on all school buses.
9) Eating or drinking on the bus is not allowed.


Drinking/eating is prohibited
10)Disruptive behavior of any kind, like usage of profane language and/or gestures, screaming etc have no place on a school bus and will not be tolerated.
11)Students shall be allowed to travel only in the designated buses/routes. They are expected to board and deboard at the designated stops. Any change in the boarding and deboarding points shall be allowed only after obtaining permission from the transport authorities.
12)Students shall sit in their designated seats facing forward. The aisle and emergency exit kept clear at all times.
13)No audio, video devices shall be allowed to be used in the school buses.
14)Any activity or behavior not listed but which endangers the bus or its passengers may result in initiation of disciplinary procedures.

### 21.3. Disembarking the bus:

1. Cross the road (when necessary) at least 10 feet in front of the bus after receiving a signal from the driver that it is safe to proceed.
2. Be alert for a danger signal from the driver. This signal will be the bus horn honking. If you hear this signal immediately stop and return to the area you left.


Picture illustrates a clear idea to cross the road safely after leaving the bus.

