



## School Bus Rules and Safety Tips from DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES

### **Welcome Parents and Students to the 2017-2018 School Year!**

*Safe, On Time, and Ready to Learn!*

You may not realize that Durham School Services bus drivers receive extensive training in many areas, including driver safety and student behavior training management. Part of that training includes a set of rules for your child to follow when riding the bus. It is important that your child understands these rules so we can ensure they arrive at school safely, on time, and ready to learn each day. Please help us accomplish this goal and discuss the rules with your child prior to the start of school.

1. Students are to arrive at their bus stops 5-10 minutes before the scheduled time.
2. Students are to line up single file before the bus arrives.
3. Students must stand twelve feet from the bus and not walk toward the bus until the door opens.
4. Be courteous to fellow students (No hitting, shoving, or crowding when loading).
5. All students are to be seated quickly and as instructed by the driver with no arguments.
6. Stay in your seat while the bus is in motion. Face front of the bus in your seat at all times.
7. Keep hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times.
8. No object of any kind is to be thrown in, out of, or at the bus.
9. No use of profane language or obscene gestures.
10. Animals, reptiles, and insects in glass jars and large parcels are prohibited on a school bus.
11. No eating, drinking or chewing gum is allowed on the bus.
12. Help keep the bus clean and sanitary. Always use the waste basket.
13. No smoking, no chewing of tobacco, no drugs of any kind are allowed on a school bus.
14. Any vandalism to seat or other parts of the bus will result in possible suspension and the damage will be paid for by the student's parents.

Remember: Loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.

#### Life Saving Tips

Durham School Services, along with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, urges you to shorten cords and remove knots and toggles from your children's clothing and backpacks. These drawstrings can become caught on the bus' handrails or in between the doors as they are closing, posing a safety risk to your child.

**We look forward to serving you this year!  
If you have any question, please call the Grass Valley  
Customer Service Center at 530-273-7282**