Lincoln Bus Rules

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

- To board the bus, remain seated, and refrain from moving around while on the bus at all times.
- To observe classroom conduct (except for ordinary conversation) while on the bus.
- To not eat food while on the bus.
- To cooperate with the driver in the interest of general safety.
- To be at your designated bus stop, ready to board the bus 10 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time.
- To ride ONLY your designated bus unless special permission has been granted by the building principal, in writing, to do otherwise.
- To ride the bus consistently and not use other transportation at students/parents convenience.
- To respect the property of others at the bus stop while awaiting arrival of the bus.
- Follow set procedures for changing a bus stop; complete Childcare Arrangement Form or update Central Administration with proper documentation if there is an address change.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for the bus.
- Wait until your bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off the bus.
- To exit the bus at your designated stop ONLY unless there is an emergency and the driver has given consent to do otherwise.
- To exit the bus using the front door ONLY. Emergency exits are only to be used in the case of a true emergency.
- To cross the roadway, if necessary, after leaving the bus in the following manner:
  - Make certain the bus is not moving.
  - When getting off, wait at the curb or road shoulder, in front of the bus within sight of the driver and wait for the crossing signal
  - Walk (not run) IN FRONT of the bus when crossing the roadway.
- Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.
- Never throw objects out of the bus window.
- Report to the driver any damage to the bus as soon as it is discovered.
- Help keep the bus clean, sanitary, and orderly.

THINGS THAT SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT ON THE BUS

- Live animals
- Rakes/shovels
- Hockey sticks/ bats/ golf clubs
- Anything made of glass
- School projects with objects that could be considered dangerous, such as sticks, toothpicks, sharp objects, chemicals, etc.
- Food or drinks including water bottles
- Large band instruments which take up space on a seat

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- Plan with your child so that he or she arrives at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to their regular stop time.
- Encourage your child to use safe behavior when going to and from the bus stop.
- Support bus rules and set expectations of safe and appropriate conduct from your child.
- Cooperate with transportation staff in enforcing bus rules; help your child understand the importance of following ALL the bus rules.
- Encourage your child and set expectations of them to be respectful of the bus driver and other students on the bus.