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Instructions to School Bus Riders by the State of Illinois

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stop; **help keep the bus on schedule.**
2. Be careful of approaching the place where the bus stops. Do not move toward the bus until it makes a complete stop.
3. **Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.**
4. Be alert to instructions from the driver.
5. Remain in the bus in the event of a road emergency until the driver gives instructions.
6. **Keep your head and hands inside the bus at all times.** Do not throw anything out the bus windows.
7. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion divert the driver's attention and could result in a serious accident.
8. **Be absolutely quiet when approaching and crossing railroad crossings.**
9. **No eating is allowed on the bus.**
10. **Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles and away from the emergency exits.** These items should be placed under the school bus seat while in transit
11. **Be courteous to fellow pupils and the bus driver. To earn respect, you must first show respect.**
12. **Do not ask the bus driver to stop at places other than the regular bus stop.** He or she is not permitted to do this except by proper authorization from a school official.
13. Observe safety precautions at exit points. **Know and observe the rules.** When it is necessary to cross the street, proceed to a point at least 10 feet in front of the bus. **Wait for the signal from the school bus driver permitting you to cross.**

**REMEMBER:** *Your safety on the school bus depends on how well you conduct yourself as well as how the driver performs his or her responsibilities. There are consequences for breaking bus-riding rules, and you can lose your bus-riding privileges as a result of breaking the rules.*