

Bus Rider Safety Handbook

Welcome aboard the BES school bus! Your safety is our top priority.

This handbook provides essential guidelines to ensure safe and enjoyable journeying for all passengers. The EYC school bus is like an extension of EYC programs. To keep everything running smoothly, and everyone safe, it is expected that families are aware of and adhere to all EYC and BES policies and procedures while using the bus service.

Students are expected to adhere to all school rules and bus guidelines while riding the bus.

Bus Guidelines

1. Boarding the Bus

Children are supported to:

- Arrive at the bus stop a few minutes before the scheduled pickup time.
- Wait in a safe place away from moving traffic (bright clothing can help with visibility).
- When the bus arrives, line up at the door in an orderly manner.
- When boarding, use the handrail and take a seat promptly.

2. On-board Behaviour

Children are supported to:

- Remain seated with seatbelt fastened at all times while the bus is in motion.
- Keep the aisles clear of bags and personal items.
- Use indoor voices and avoid distracting the driver.
- Treat others with respect and kindness.

3. Emergency Procedures

Children are supported to:

- Listen to the driver's instructions during emergency drills and situations.
- Know the location of emergency exits and how to use them.
- In case of evacuation, exit quickly and move away from the bus, as directed, to a safe location.
- Stay calm and help others if possible.

4. Personal Belongings

Children are supported to:

- Keep personal belongings on your lap or under the seat.
- Report any lost items to the driver or your teacher as soon as possible.

5. Crossing Procedures

Children are supported to:

- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing in front of the bus.
- Cross at least 10 feet (3 meters) in front of the bus, and look both ways for oncoming traffic.

6. Rules for Special Situations

- If using a wheelchair or mobility aid, secure it properly in designated areas.
- Follow specific instructions for transporting equipment or instruments.

7. Weather and Road Conditions

- Be patient during inclement weather or traffic delays.
- Listen to the driver for any changes in the schedule or route due to weather conditions.

8. Health and Safety

- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- If you are feeling unwell, inform the driver immediately.

9. Respect for Property

Children are supported to:

- Keep the bus clean and free of litter.
- Remember to gather all your things as they leave the bus.

10. Bus Driver Authority

- Obey all instructions given by the bus driver.
- The driver has the authority to enforce safety rules and maintain order on the bus.

Additional Notes:

- Parents and guardians are encouraged to review these guidelines with their children.
- Violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action.



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Contact Information:

- For any concerns or questions regarding bus safety contact the Transportation Manager at transportation@bridgeeducational.org.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment on our school bus. Safe travels!