

AT ALL TIMES Your school day begins when you step off your property to board the bus. You are under Athens Area School District rules while being transported to and from school. Exercise caution, good manners, and consideration for others. Obey the driver; the driver's first concern is your safety.

1 WAITING FOR THE BUS

- Be at your stop five minutes ahead of time.
- Your bus driver has a schedule to keep. If you are not at the bus stop, the driver cannot wait for you.
- Respect the property rights of people who reside at or near the bus stop.
- Wait in a safe place well off the roadway. Cross to board only after the bus is stopped and the red flashing signals are on.
- When the bus approaches, get in line and stay clear until it comes to a complete stop.
- Allow smaller children to board first.

2 BOARDING THE BUS

- Always use the handrail and go up the steps one at a time.
- Do not push or crowd others.
- Go directly to your seat. The bus will not move until all passengers are seated. Passengers may not stand while the bus is moving. The bus driver may assign seats.

3 CONDUCT ON THE BUS

- Place books or parcels on your lap and keep the aisle clear.
- Avoid loud talking, profanity, or other conduct that could distract the driver.
- Ask the driver for permission before opening windows. Keep arms and head inside the bus.
- Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- Emergency doors and exit controls may be used only during supervised drills or actual emergencies.
- The bus is not a playground. Wrestling and horseplay are not permitted.
- Smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco is not permitted.
- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop at your destination or bus stop.
- Help keep the bus clean and in good condition. Do not eat on the bus, write on seat backs, or throw items on the floor.

4 GETTING OFF THE BUS

- Use the handrail and take one step at a time.
- Do not push or crowd others in a way that could cause an accident.

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY