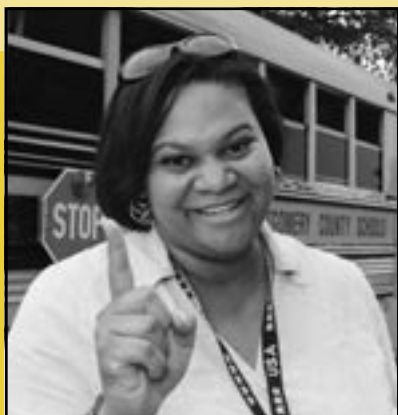




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Ride by the Rules: Put Safety First



Ms. Sheba Ram, MCPS Bus Operator

Ms. S says...

- ***Be Respectful***
- ***Be Responsible***
- ***Be Safe***



Who Is a Safe Rider?

A safe rider is someone who...

- 1 Knows and obeys the rules
- 2 Listens to the bus driver and safety patrols
- 3 Treats others with respect and consideration
- 4 Stays out of the street, crossing only when all traffic is stopped
- 5 Puts safety first!

What are the rules for riding the bus?

In many ways, the rules for riding the bus are the same rules that you must follow in school. You must listen to the bus driver just like you would to a teacher or principal. Using bad language and being disrespectful of others is not allowed at the bus stop or on the bus, just as it is not allowed in school. In addition, you must follow the rules to make every bus ride safe and nice for everyone.

At the bus stop, you should

- ◆ Be there five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive
- ◆ Be considerate of nearby yards, cars, driveways, houses, buildings, and private property
- ◆ Cross the road, if necessary, only after getting a signal from the bus driver or safety patrol, and make sure to walk 10 feet in front of the stopped bus
- ◆ Line up to get on the bus quickly without shoving or pushing, and move toward the bus only after it stops
- ◆ Follow the instructions of the safety patrols and adults

On the bus, you should

- ◆ Be well-behaved, just as you would be in your classroom
- ◆ Be seated and make room for others to sit
- ◆ Follow the instructions of the bus driver or the safety patrols
- ◆ Keep your arms, feet, and head inside the bus at all times
- ◆ Keep the aisle and emergency door clear of obstructions
- ◆ Help keep the bus clean by picking up your trash

What happens if I don't follow the rules?

If you don't follow the rules, the consequences may include the following:

- ◆ The bus operator or attendant may assign a specific seat to you
- ◆ The bus operator may report you to the principal to discuss the possible consequences of your behavior
- ◆ If you continue to break the rules, the principal may temporarily or permanently take away your privilege of riding the bus after talking with your parents
- ◆ Depending on what rules have been broken, the principal may take away your bus-riding privileges immediately
- ◆ You may be suspended from school



At all times, do not

- ◆ Bring animals, alcohol, drugs, weapons, glass containers, or explosives on the bus
- ◆ Use bad language or gestures, fight, bully, or harass others
- ◆ Throw any papers or objects in the bus or out the windows
- ◆ Operate the emergency door without permission
- ◆ Smoke, drink, eat, or play radios without headphones on the bus
- ◆ Damage any part of the bus
- ◆ Ride a different bus than the one you've been assigned to, unless you have written permission from your parent and permission from the principal.



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Who is a safe rider?

Someone who obeys the rules and knows that riding the bus is a privilege for most students, not a right. Be a safe rider...

Ride by the Rules!

Buses may be equipped with both an audio and a visual recording device.



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