

Saint Theresa Catholic School

Bus Program 2008 - 2009

Rules and Regulations for Bus Riders

**BUS SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME!
BEFORE THE STUDENTS LEAVE THE HOUSE, MAKE SURE
THEY HAVE THEIR SHOES TIED PROPERLY.
ANY AND ALL BACKPACK STRAPS OR BELTS ARE TO BE SECURED.
IF STRAPS ARE TOO LONG, CUT THEM OFF.**

- A. Prior to Loading (in the neighborhood and at school)
1. No littering or destruction of property at the Bus Stop.
 2. Be at designated school bus stops **five minutes** before the scheduled time.
 3. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Bus riders are to line up single file while loading into the bus.
 4. Enter and exit the bus in an orderly manner. Walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing the street. Look in both directions.
 5. Riders will be discharged at designated stops only, unless proper parental permission forms from the school office (in writing) are given to the bus driver prior to departure.
- B. While on the Bus
1. Keep arms, legs and head inside the bus at all times.
 2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times. No liquid soaps, plastic bubbles or balloons are permitted at any time.
 3. Treat bus equipment with respect. **Repairs of damaged seats, etc. will be billed to the vandal. (Please see regulations concerning vandalism on page 17 of the Student Handbook.) EACH STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER OWN ASSIGNED SEAT.**
 4. **Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion or to change seats without the permission of the driver.**
 5. Keep book bags, carts, charts, sports equipment, packages, coats and any electronic devices out of the aisles at all times.
 6. **Speak quietly. SHOUTING, SINGING & ANY DISTRUPTIVE BEHAVIORS ARE MAJOR DISTRACTIONS TO THE BUS DRIVER.**
 7. **Food, drink, and gum are not permitted on the bus. Students, teachers, and parents are included in this state mandate.**
 8. No quarreling on the bus. "Keep your hands to yourself."
 9. Bus riders are to be courteous to fellow riders and to the driver. **No profanity or bullying will be tolerated at any time!**
 10. School projects including animals, reptiles, insects, glass jars, bottles, knives, scissors, or other sharp objects are **not allowed** on the bus.
 11. Windows may be lowered with the bus driver's permission (**not more than four notches**).
 12. Throwing any objects either inside the bus or out of the windows is against AZ State laws, and will be considered a major violation.
 13. In case of a road emergency, riders are to remain on the bus unless directed otherwise by the driver or other person in authority.

***Special Notice – Arizona Administrative Code R17-9-104 (D)(5) states:
“All passengers shall sit with their backs against the seat backs, their legs facing towards the front of the school bus, and all parts of their bodies clear of all aisles whenever the school bus is in motion.***

- C. After leaving the bus
1. When it is necessary to cross the road after leaving the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the stopped bus. **STOP, THEN WAIT FOR THE DRIVER TO MOTION FOR YOU TO WALK QUICKLY ACROSS THE STREET. DO NOT RUN.**
 2. Help look after the safety of younger brothers or sisters.
 3. Be alert to the danger signal from the driver.

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Student Signature

Parent(s) Signature and Date