

## Tips for a Safe Ride

School buses are the safest way for students to travel, but children also need to do their part to stay alert and aware of their surroundings to prevent injury. BCSD urges parents to teach their children the following safety rules for getting on and off the bus, and for exercising good behavior while riding.

## **Getting on the Bus:**

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and pay special attention as the bus approaches. Respond to any directions given by the driver.
- Please remember to wait patiently at your designated bus stop.
- Be at the bus stop about 5 minutes prior to the designated bus stop time.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus.
- Use the handrail when boarding.

## Behavior on the Bus:

- When boarding the bus, find a seat promptly and use your seatbelt.
- Remember to speak at appropriate noise levels and respect the driver at all times.
- Stay in your seat at all times.
- Don't put your head, arms or hands out the window.
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags.
- Get your belongings together before reaching your stop.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat, and listen to any directions from the bus driver.

## **Getting Off the Bus:**

- · Use the handrail when exiting.
- If you have to cross in front of the bus, first walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the driver.
- Make sure the driver can see you and look for driver signaling.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing.
- When the driver signals, look left, right, then left again. Walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- If your vision is blocked, move to an area where you can see other drivers and they can see you.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver signals it is safe.
- It is Brockport policy that we do not drop K-3 students off unless we know a parent/guardian is home to receive them.
- Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times.

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from the National Safety Council: www.nsc.org, 2/5/2019