

OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Department of Transportation

School Bus Conduct

Safety on the bus begins before the ride on the bus. Basic rules are necessary to maintain the safety and efficiency of the transportation system:

- Be at your bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus. Weather or adverse road conditions may affect the arrival time of the bus on a daily basis. Being at the bus stop before the bus arrives ensures that no student will miss the bus and that the student will not be running after the bus to catch it.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing yellow warning lights have turned to flashing red lights to indicate the bus has stopped and ready to board.
- Take your seat quickly and remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop at your destination. Standing on the bus is a danger to all and could cause injury to the student and to others on the bus.
- The Bus Driver is in charge on the bus and should be given courtesy, respect and your full cooperation. The Bus Driver may assign seats, if necessary.
- Be courteous on the bus; do not use profane or other inappropriate language, comments or gestures. Fighting, smoking and throwing articles around in the bus or out of the bus are not acceptable.
- No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
- Show respect for others on the bus.
- Do not leave trash on the bus. Help keep it clean.
- Do not use cell phones on the bus.
- Observe the same behavior on the bus as you would in a classroom.
- Additionally, do not bring any animals or large items on the bus. All carry on, including back packs, musical instruments and school projects should be of the size that can be held on a student's lap.

Please note that riding on the school bus is a privilege. Everyone's cooperation is needed to ensure the safety and efficiency of the transportation system. Everyone is entitled to a safe and pleasant ride to and from school.