

## **WINHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS RULES**

### **General Rules:**

- Obey instructions of the bus driver at all times
- Obey all safety rules
- Passengers must remain seated and facing forward of bus until discharge
- No eating, drinking or gum chewing is allowed
- When crossing the street in front of the bus, make sure the driver sees you and you see the driver. Wait for the driver's signal that it is safe to cross
- Be polite and respectful to the driver and other passengers
- Be at the designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus arrives

### **Cell Phone Guidelines**

The Winhall School District realizes cell phone use is an important line of communication between parents and children. Cell phone use on the bus, however can be a distraction for the bus driver.

- Cell phones may be used for emergency purposes only and with the bus drivers permission
- Cell phones may be placed on vibrate but may not be visible while on the school bus
- Students may not use cell phones for reasons other than an emergency
- Using a cell phone for text messaging or taking pictures while on the bus is not allowed
- Students may only use their cell phones on sports/activity trips for in two situations: in order to call a parent for a ride and in a medical emergency situation and only with the prior permission of the supervising adult or the bus driver

### **Prohibited Items**

The following are things not to be brought on a school bus

- Pets
- Glass Objects
- Food & Drinks except in closed lunch containers
- Plants
- Sports Equipment (without driver permission)
- Skate Boards
- Roller Blades and/or 'Wheelie' shoes
- Sleds
- Balloons
- Bulky Items
- Toy Guns/Swords including Squirt Guns
- Firearms, knives or any other items that may be considered a weapon by the bus driver, principal or adult responsible for the activity
- Illegal substances
- Prescription or over the counter drugs without written authorization by a physician, NP, DC and without prior knowledge of the bus driver or adult responsible for the activity.