

# **School Bus Rules from FIRST STUDENT**

Welcome LAMORINDA Parents and Students to the 2018-2019 School Year

*"A Safer and Better Way to the School Day"*

All students must be at their designated bus stop **FIVE MINUTES PRIOR TO PICK-UP TIME**. The bus cannot wait for latecomers and it is unsafe to run for the bus.

## **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE SAFETY RULES AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES LISTED BELOW:**

- Wait for permission before boarding/departing the bus.
  - Present a valid bus pass prior to boarding. Passes are NOT transferable and a \$5.00 fee will be charged by the Lamorinda School Bus Program for lost passes.
  - Remain seated *at all times*; *face the front of the bus*; keep the aisle and emergency exits clear of arms, legs, backpacks, etc.
  - Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus at all times.
  - Maintain a "conversational" tone - avoid shouting, screaming, etc.
  - Students should not throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows.
  - Students should refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum on the bus.
  - Students should refrain from littering, graffiti or other dirty or destructive activities such as spitting on others, on the bus or out of the windows.
  - Students should not smoke or use tobacco on the bus.
  - Students should not bring any animals on the school bus. (insects, cats, reptiles, birds, dogs (except seeing-eye dogs))
  - Students are expected to refrain from profane and/or obscene language and/or gestures.
  - Weapons and/or tools or other objects that could be used as weapons are not permitted on the bus.
  - Fighting on the bus or at the bus stop is not permitted.
  - Harassment of **any** kind (verbal, sexual, physical, etc.) is not permitted.
  - Students are expected to be respectful and courteous to the driver and other students.
  - Students are expected to cooperate with and follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
  - **Students must stay out of the bus's "Danger Zone" - anywhere within twelve (12) feet of the bus. If you can touch the bus, you are too close!**
  - After exiting the bus, students should NOT attempt to retrieve items left on the bus OR retrieve items that fell under the bus. "Things" can be replaced, children cannot.
  - **Always follow the driver's instructions about crossing the street. Be alert to traffic, look both ways and always walk in front of the bus.**
- If your student receives a citation or notice of unsatisfactory conduct, please sign and return the citation to the driver the next school day. Note: Any action that provides a distraction to the driver is considered a safety hazard and is grounds for disciplinary action. Any student found defacing or tampering with the bus equipment or committing a serious offense will be subject to automatic suspension from the bus. *If a student is expelled from the school bus, the student will not be permitted to ride for the remaining portion of the school semester, plus the following two semesters. Enrollment fees are non-refundable if a student is expelled.*

**Parents** - Please remind your neighbors that big yellow school buses are travelling on your streets. Motorists should be aware of the amber and red flashing lights and drive appropriately. **When the red lights flash, ALL motorists are required to stop in both directions.**

**AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER.** The California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14103 states:

Pupils transported on a school bus or in a school pupil activity bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus enroute between home and school or other destination.

**Late Buses, emergencies or lost items? Call First Student at 925-926-0375**  
**Bus Passes, schedules, payment: Call the Lamorinda School Bus Office at 925-299-3216 or 925-299-3215**