EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOR ON DISTRICT BUSES

Expected Student Behavior on Bonneville Joint School District 93 Buses

- 1. Arrive at the assigned bus stop four (4) minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time and wait in an orderly line, at least twelve (12) feet back from the road or street.
- 2. Respect all private property at any bus stop location.
- 3. Students are to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the bus and should not approach the bus until the bus driver signals. When signaled by the bus driver students are to cross the road twelve (12) feet in front of the bus.
- 4. Students are to enter and leave the bus only through the service door unless directed otherwise.
- 5. Students are to follow the bus driver's safety instructions and be alert to traffic conditions when leaving the bus, leaving the bus stop area or when crossing the street.
- 6. Students are to load/unload at the assigned bus stops and only ride their assigned bus. If a parent/guardian has an emergency and needs to change the student's stop, they may do so by filling out a #8105F <u>Transportation Deviation Form</u> from the Transportation Department Office. Notes from a parent/guardian to the bus driver or classroom teacher are not acceptable.
- 7. Students are to follow all instructions or directions given by the bus driver. Students are to be courteous to the bus driver and other passengers on the bus. After boarding the bus, students should go directly to an available or assigned seat.
- 8. The correct and safest position for a student to ride a bus is to be seated facing forward with their back against the seatback and holding backpacks or personal items on their lap. Students are to remain seated and shall not change seats while the bus is in motion.
- 9. Students are not to carry items on the bus that are too large to fit on the student's lap. Bulky or dangerous items must be taken to school by means other than the school bus. The bus driver has authority to require objects to be placed in a safe place, or deny transportation of such items.
- 10. The following behaviors are not allowed on the school bus: eating, drinking, littering, spitting, nuisance items (i.e., balloons, glass, or popcorn), live animals, weapons, explosive or flammable materials, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances.

- 11. Students are to keep their head, arms, and objects inside the bus at all times. Serious injury could result from hitting the bus window frame as the bus goes over a bump or being struck by an object the bus passes. Students are not to throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
- 12. Bus aisles and exits are to be clear at all times. Feet, legs, arms, and bodies, backpacks or instruments must be kept out of the aisle. The driver must have a clear view down the aisle to the back door window at all times.
- 13. A low noise level is imperative for the safest driving conditions. Students are to remain quiet and orderly; shouting or any loud noise is not acceptable. Total silence is necessary at all railroad crossings.
- 14. Students are not allowed to tamper with school bus safety equipment.
- 15. Classroom behavior will remain in effect on the bus. All aspects of bullying physical, verbal, or written are prohibited. Do not use profane or vulgar language or vulgar or crude gestures. Students are to remain clothed at all times and respect the property of others on the bus or at the bus stop.