

## Procedures for Riding School Buses

1. Arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Drivers have been instructed not to wait for any late arrivals and not to pick up students at points other than assigned stops. The bus stops are usually placed away from hills and/ or curves, generally two-tenths of a mile apart for high school and middle school students and one-tenth of a mile apart for elementary school students, as per Louisa County School Board regulations.
2. In approaching your bus stop, always walk toward the traffic. Do not play or stand in the roadway. Do not place books and other articles in or near the roadway.
3. Do not walk beside the bus. Wait until it comes to a complete stop and then walk to the front door.
4. If you must cross the road, follow these outlined procedures:
  - a) Wait on the left side of the road until the bus is stopped and the stop arm and crossing gate are activated.
  - b) Do not cross the roadway until the bus driver assures you that the roadway is clear of traffic by signaling you to cross.
  - c) Cross the highway at least 15 feet or more in front of the school bus.
  - d) If an emergency situation exists after you have been signaled to cross, the driver will blow the horn to advise everyone to clear the traffic lane.
5. Band instruments are permitted on the bus when students can hold them without taking up an extra seat. Instruments should not be left in the front of the bus or in the aisle.
6. No one other than regular students are allowed to ride the bus without a pass from the principal. You are not allowed to let anyone off the bus in the morning except at his or her designated school. A pass is required to get off the bus in town or at other points. No driver is to make special stops in the town of Louisa except at designated stops.
7. Remain seated until the bus comes to a **COMPLETE STOP**.
8. Leave the bus in an orderly manner and move a safe distance away from the bus and roadway as quickly as possible.
9. All students are required to have a bus pass in order to ride the activity bus.
10. **CAUTION** : Afternoon activity buses are operated during late evening hours and sometimes after dark, when motorists do not expect their presence. If you must cross the highway, cross only after you receive a signal from the driver. Please use extreme caution.
11. If you are suspended off of your regular School Bus, you will not be allowed to ride another Louisa County School Bus during your bus suspension.