



Student Transportation of New Hampshire

Weare Terminal

**Greetings to School Bus Riding Families, August 30, 2017**

Hello, and Welcome Back to school! We hope everyone had a great summer! We are sending this welcome letter to update families on what is new on the school bus, as well as to remind everyone of some of the safety expectations and procedures that we use every day.

**Updated School Bus Rules:** We have simplified the rules posted on the bus and presented them in a more positive manner. Drivers will be reviewing these rules with the students on the first day and reminding students throughout the school year.

**BE SAFE ... Stay in your seat.**

**BE RESPECTFUL ... Quiet voice, Kind words.**

**BE RESPONSIBLE ... Keep your hands to yourself and Keep the bus clean.**

We would also like to remind parents that they need to go over the "SAU 24 Bus Ridership Contract" that was included in your annual InfoSnap online school registration materials. The contract outlines more specific behavior expectations.

**Review of Safety Procedures:**

Please be on time! Refer to the Bus Route Schedules published on the SAU 24 website. Students are expected to be at the bus stop **no later than five minutes before** the scheduled pick-up time for their stop. **Never run after the bus!** It is very dangerous to chase the bus or to bang on the side of the bus. The driver cannot hear someone banging on the bus and may not see someone beside the bus. **Stay out of the Danger Zone!** Always stay at least 10 feet away from the bus.

Do not cross the road or approach the bus until after the driver gives the "thumbs-up" signal to the students. Drivers need to ensure that all traffic has stopped and that there are no dangers to the students before they approach.

**Please feel free to communicate with your driver:**

If there is anything that you would like your driver to know about your child, please write them a note. For example, if your child has allergies or other medical concerns that the driver should be aware of, please let them know. The best way for this communication to take place is through a written note handed to the driver. Please do not engage in a roadside conversation during the driver's operation of the bus, as the driver needs to stay focused on immediate safety. Also, feel free to contact the Bus Terminal at 603-529-4744 with questions or concerns, or to relay information to the driver.

**Thank you for taking the time to prepare your child for safe and enjoyable bus rides this school year! We look forward to providing a positive, helpful, and friendly experience for them every day!**

Sincerely, from the Student Transportation Weare Terminal Team