

NANUET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Highview Elementary School

SPECIAL BUS SAFETY CONTRACT for each parent and each child in the Highview School.

TOGETHER WE CAN.....BE SAFE

We have compiled the following bus safety guidelines to help protect all of our children.

Your participation is essential to your child's safety. Please read and share the following information with your child and complete the checklist and contract below. Return to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, September 12TH**.

CHECK LIST

- _____ Review rules on attached pages with your child making sure that each point is explained clearly and appropriately for the age of your child.
- _____ Plan with your child the safest route to and from the bus stop.
- _____ Explain the meaning of the danger zones (refer to sheet and color in where appropriate)
- _____ Explain the meaning of eye contact with the bus driver and its importance.
- _____ Accompany all children to and from the bus stop when possible.
- _____ Remind children often during the school year of the importance of following bus safety rules and that riding the bus is a privilege. Repeated incidents of unsafe behavior will result in losing bus privileges.

CUT AT DOTTED LINE AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION BACK TO SCHOOL

"WE ARE A BUS SAFETY TEAM"

We have reviewed this **SAFETY CONTRACT** together and understand what is expected of us.

Parent/Guardian Signature Student Signature Class Code

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Bus Safety Rules

1. Leave home early enough to arrive at your bus stop on time.
2. If delayed, continue to walk to your bus stop – **DO NOT RUN.**
3. Carry all things in a backpack or book bag to reduce the possibility of dropping things and going out of the driver's line of vision.
4. Wait for your bus in a safe place – well off the roadway.
5. Maintain proper behavior while waiting for the bus to arrive – no ball playing, playing tag, etc.
6. Follow safe procedures for **entering the bus.**
 - Wait until the bus has made a complete stop and the bus doors are open before approaching the bus.
 - Be aware of the 10 foot danger zone around the bus.
 - If an item is dropped in the danger zone notify the driver and wait for his/her approval before attempting to pick up the item.
7. Enter the bus in an orderly manner and take your seat.
8. Follow the instructions of your school bus driver or the school bus monitor.
9. Be courteous – allow children to share your seat.
10. Remember that the first two front rows are reserved for kindergarteners.
11. Keep your head and your arms inside the bus at all times and keep the aisles clear at all times.
12. Show respect to the bus driver and fellow passengers. Keep the driver from being distracted (taking his/her mind off driving) by not making loud noises, disturbing other children or throwing things.
13. When approaching your destination, stay in your seat until the bus has made a complete stop.
14. Allow other children to pass freely. No pushing or shoving while exiting the bus.
15. Follow safe procedures for **exiting the bus.** (See attached diagram.)
 - If remaining on the same side of the street, move clear of the 10 foot danger zone and wait until the bus leaves before proceeding home.
 - If crossing the street, walk 10 feet in front of the bus to the end of the safety arm. Establish eye contact with the bus driver, check traffic before crossing the street and proceed home cautiously.
 - If an item is dropped in the 10 foot danger zone do not attempt to pick it up until the bus has departed.

HOW TO CROSS SAFELY

