

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to reinforce the importance of bus safety. The safety of all children is our number one priority. Children see our partnership and the importance of these rules by listening to this story at school and home.

You'll see we framed this story around our Willow Grove pillar behaviors: kindness, responsibility, and respect.

Please read through The Willow Grove Bus Book and discuss it with your child.  
Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jenny Smith, Principal

Willow Grove Early Learning Center

# The Willow Grove Bus Book



Inside this book are reminders about expected behaviors on the bus.



It is a privilege to ride the Willow Grove Bus. Any Willow Grove student can ride the bus by following the bus safety rules.

It is important to always remember the Willow Grove Bears That Care Pledge. Everyone will have a safe and happy ride if we follow our pledge.



**Kindness**



We show kindness on the bus! Kind and caring words and actions are expected.

**Kindness**



When you get on the bus, find a seat, and sit down quickly. We show kindness by always letting anyone sit next to us. The bus will move as soon as everyone is ready for a safe ride.



**Kindness**



Showing kindness also means we keep our hands and feet to ourselves. We don't touch others or their things.

**Responsibility**



We are responsible on the bus! When we are responsible we make choices that keep ourselves and everyone safe.



**Responsibility**



We must stay seated on the bus. Never stand or change seats. Our whole body and belongings should be in the seat area and not in the aisle of the bus. This keeps us safe.

**Responsibility**



Emergency doors and windows are for emergencies only. Never touch these unless the bus driver gives you special directions.

**Responsibility**



Keep your hands and head inside the bus. Never throw anything in the bus or out of the bus window.

**Respect**



We show respect on the bus!  
Showing respect means to think  
about others and how they feel.  
When you respect someone you  
treat them kindly and use good  
manners.





**Respect**



Listen to your bus driver and always follow directions. The driver may need your attention before, during, or after your trip.









**Respect**



## Voice Levels

4	 <b>Outside Voice</b> 
3	 <b>Presenter Voice</b> 
2	 <b>Table Talk</b>  
1	 <b>Whisper Voice</b> 
0	 <b>No Talking</b> 

The bus driver must hear important outdoor sounds to be safe. Use a Level 2 voice (table talk) or lower inside the bus and a Level 0 (no talking) when the bus stops at railroad crossings.

**Respect**



The bus must be kept clean and safe. No candy, food, or drinks are to be eaten on the bus. This keeps everyone safe and shows respect to our driver.





Tell the driver if you ever have a problem on the bus. Your parent, teacher, or any Willow Grove adult are other people who can help you.

# Let's Learn Buddy's Bus Chant!

Buddy has a special way of remembering some of our bus rules!

Stay in my seat,  
Hands to self,  
Listen to my driver,  
That's how I'll help!



Don't forget to ask yourself, am I showing kindness,  
responsibility, and respect? If the answer is yes, GREAT job!



Safe and happy travels!  
Thank you for being a Bear That Cares!



# Willow Grove Bus Riding Agreement

A parent/guardian may be asked to reread the bus book with their child and sign this agreement if a child has difficulty following the safety rules on the bus. This is meant as a teaching tool to reinforce the expectations. Please have your child provide this page to his/her teacher to take to the office when he/she has completed the activity.

We appreciate your continued support!

**We have read and discussed this booklet together. We understand it is important to follow these rules as riding the bus is a privilege. When riding the bus, following the rules keeps everyone as safe as possible.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Student signature (write name as best as they can)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Thank You For Being a Willow Grove Bear That Cares!