

One person most students come in contact with every day is the bus driver. They will be with you for your two years in middle school. So, you want to have a positive relationship with them. If you follow the rules the driver makes, and you are always nice and respectful to the driver, your bus experience will be a good one. Following the rules is very important when you are on a bus full of students. Some rules drivers make might be no screaming, no standing, or not throwing things out of the window. A driver always likes it when students follow their rules because it makes their day a little easier for them. One of the many people you need to be courteous to is in fact the bus driver. Bus drivers are a very important part of your transportation during the school year and they deserve your respect towards them.

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Another thing you should be aware of are buses. Always know where your bus is. Being on time is important because your bus driver will not wait for you; they leave on certain times. If you do miss your bus there are always late buses. But you should also know where your late buses are, too. Late buses are there so if you miss your bus you can take another one at a later time. Also you could hang out with your friends and then take the bus home. You can just walk home if you want to. These are reasons of why you should be aware of when and where buses are.

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One thing you might be worried about is your bus and bus driver. Buses may come earlier than your elementary school buses, so be ready. Sometimes your bus may be late or may not come at all. You should know someone that will drive you when you need them. In various weather patterns they are likely to be late. Some weather conditions are snow and rain. Try to get on your bus driver's good side. If the bus driver likes you, then if your bus ever does get in trouble, you are likely to be called out as the good guy/girl. Watch out for when your bus driver writes things on his/her clipboard; it is usually not for a good reason. When you are on the bus have fun, and don't bother the bus driver.

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According to almost everyone who uses the bus at Merrick Avenue, late busses are so helpful because if you miss the 2:42 bus you can make the 3:30 or 5:15 buses. Also being a kind and considerate person to the bus drivers is something that everyone should do, but being particularly nice is a very kind thing to do. If you are generally kind and respectful, the bus driver will treat you the way you want to be treated (The Golden Rule). For example, on snowy days, the bus driver may drop you off in front of your house instead of at the regular bus stop.