

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a brand new school year! In an effort to provide safe and orderly transportation for your child, the Crete-Monee

School District 201-U Student Affairs Department is once again implementing guidelines for our Transportation Program.

The purpose of this brochure is make you aware of important information pertaining to school bus expectations, rules, and procedures. Please review this information carefully with your child/ children. After review, please sign and detach the **Parent/Student Cooperation** statement and return it to your child's school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe!

Sincerely,

Monica Spence
Asst. Superintendent of Student Affairs

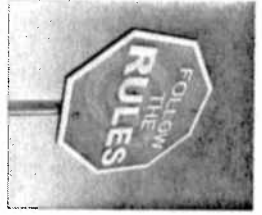
**Crete-Monee School District 201-U
School Bus Expectations,
Rules & Procedures**
(Elementary School students only)

The CM201-U Board of Education will provide bus transportation for qualified elementary school students whose behavior meets the expectations that allow us to provide a safe, efficient ride to and from school. It is expected that students will:

1. Listen to the bus driver.
2. Sit BACK TO BACK and stay in your seat at all times.
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
4. Green Zone — Use inside voices.
5. If someone is bothering you, ask them to stop.
6. If it's a SERIOUS problem, tell the driver IMMEDIATELY!
7. No eating/drinking on the bus.



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: In lieu of speaking directly to the bus driver, parents should direct their concerns to the building administrator.



**THE
CM201-U
TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM**

Over the course of a single school year, buses will travel over 1.5 million miles to transport our students safely to and from school.

Crete Monee School District services six communities, totaling nearly 80 square miles, and transports approximately 4,600 students during the school year. This service is contracted out through a local company – First Student Bus Company – which provides the district with over 100 bus routes over the course of any given school day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BUS COMPANY
First Student Bus Company

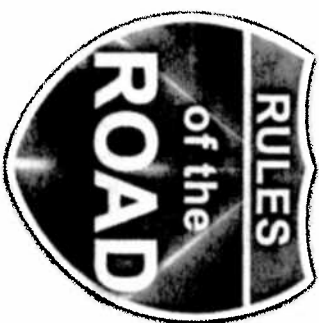
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For more information about the District Transportation Program, please visit us online at www.cm201u.org



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Monica Spence
Assistant Superintendent of Student Affairs
Nathaniel Cunningham, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

**PARENT / STUDENT
COOPERATION STATEMENT**

I have read the District 201-U School Bus Rules, Expectations and Procedures. I agree to help my child meet the transportation behavior expectations and to allow authorized individuals to view the bus behavior films.

Please complete one statement for each student. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your school office.

PLEASE PRINT

Parent/Guardian First Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Last Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

Student Last Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

SIGN & DETACH

Bus Route and Bus Information

Every student who rides a bus is assigned a bus route and a bus stop. This assignment is made according to where a child lives, and how many students must be transported. While waiting for the bus, students are not to stand on the road and must behave. Please make sure your child gets on and off the bus at his/her assigned stop. In addition, please make sure your child is waiting at the bus stop 10 minutes before the bus arrives. Bus drivers are instructed not to wait for students that are late, since waiting may cause the entire bus to be late arriving at school. Only regular passengers and authorized personnel are permitted to ride. Guest riders are not allowed on buses.

Bus Rules

In order to achieve our goal of safe and prompt transportation, students, parents, teachers and administrators must work together to ensure appropriate student behavior. Presented below are bus rules that will help to ensure safe conditions.

1. The driver is in charge. The relationship between driver/adult bus monitor and student is the same as between teacher and student in the classroom.
2. Students must obey the driver promptly and respectfully. The right to ride the bus depends on good behavior and observance of bus expectations.
3. Students must be seated when they board the bus, and remain seated until their stop is reached. Standing or walking on the bus while it is in motion is not permitted.
4. Students must speak quietly (no shouting) on the bus
5. Treat the bus seats, walls, and windows carefully so as not to cause any damage. Students must report any damage to the bus driver immediately. Students willfully damaging buses will be required to pay for damages, and may permanently lose their bus privileges.

6. Students are not permitted to eat/drink on bus.
7. Bus windows must not be lowered past the designated point on the window frame.
8. Hands, arms, and other body parts must remain inside the bus at all times.
9. Students may not shout at, or make gestures to passing traffic, pedestrians, or anyone on the bus.
10. Trading cards, toys, electronic devices and other inappropriate objects are not permitted.
11. Older students must show a valid ID to board the school bus.
12. Inappropriate contact including fighting and play fighting is unacceptable behavior.
13. Profanity or other inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
14. Tobacco products of any kind, drugs & alcohol are not permitted.
15. Drivers and chaperones are not permitted to smoke on buses or other school property.
16. The driver will notify the school of bus rule violations and the parent/guardian will be notified. Any behaviors that are considered disruptive, and jeopardize the safety of those riding the bus will not be tolerated.

Any other behavior that causes an unsafe environment while at the bus stop or on the bus is subject to disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Procedures

Any violation of the bus rules may result in the following disciplinary actions:

- Written warning to be signed by parent/guardian
- Detention with parent/guardian notification
- Assigned bus seat
- Bus suspension with mandatory parent/guardian conference
- Loss of bus riding privileges

NOTE: Offenses considered to be severe and gross in nature, will result in an immediate bus suspension and/or loss of bus riding privileges.

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT SUSPENSIONS

If a student receives a bus suspension, it does not necessarily mean that the student is suspended from school. If no school suspension is issued, the student will be expected to be present in school each day that school is in session. It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make transportation arrangements to and from school during the duration of the suspension.

Bus Routes & Bus Stops

Scheduled bus routes and stops are assigned to accommodate the most centrally located population. Generally, the bus does not stop at more than every other block (corner). **Please Note: Front door stops are only provided if a safety or medical hazard is present.** As bus stop times are a general guide, students are expected to be at their bus stop 10 minutes before their scheduled pick up time. Heavy traffic and/or inclement weather can prevent drivers from maintaining their scheduled route times. Students are encouraged to wait until the bus arrives. If the bus has not arrived ten minutes after the scheduled pick up time, you are encouraged to contact First Student Bus Company at (708) 755-5907.

Video Surveillance

Each school bus is equipped with a camera which makes a film record of each student's behavior. The purpose of this monitoring is to limit misbehavior on each bus and provide safer bus transportation. Should a student problem occur on a bus, the principal may review the film record to determine the cause of the problem. Parents are asked to sign the **Parent/Student Cooperation Statement** contained in this brochure which authorizes the viewing of the bus behavior film by all parties involved in the student bus problem.