## **Guidelines for Riding Lewis County School Buses:**

While Waiting to Board the Bus

- 1. Arrive at your assigned bus stop five (5) minutes ahead of the bus. The driver cannot wait for you.
- 2. Do not play in the path of traffic and stand well away from the road when the bus approaches (approximately 10 feet).
- 3. Do not damage other people's property while waiting for the bus.
- 4. Avoid making excessive noise.
- 5. Fighting at bus stops and on the way to and from school is subject to local board disciplinary action.
- 6. Never run along side the bus when the bus is moving. Wait until the bus stops and the driver signals and then walk to the door and board the bus in an orderly manner. DO NOT PUSH OR SHOVE.

## While Riding The Bus

- 1. Obey the driver's instructions. The driver of a school bus is in complete charge of students while they are on the bus. Complaints regarding discipline on the bus should be taken to the principal.
- 2. The driver has the authority to assign seats.
- 3. Students shall remain properly seated while the bus is in motion.
- 4. Never extend arms, legs or head outside the bus.
- 5. Refrain from talking to the driver except in an emergency.
- 6. Pets and animals, other than required service animals, are not permitted on the bus at any time.
- 7. No one shall tamper with any equipment or operate any part of the bus.
- 8. Do not mark or deface the bus. Students caught damaging bus equipment will be subject to disciplinary action and/or restitution.
- 9. There is to be no fighting or profanity on the bus or any loud disturbances.
- 10. Students must not wave or shout at pedestrians or occupants of other vehicles. Do not throw objects from bus windows.
- 11. Do not throw waste paper or objects on the floor. Eating or drinking is not permitted.
- 12. Use of tobacco products or drugs is prohibited.
- 13. Students are required to ride their assigned bus, unless they have written approval from the principal or his/her designee.