

Bannockburn Safety Patrol Bus and Kindergarten Patrol Study Guide

2025-2026



“Great leaders do not tell you what to do, they show you how it’s done.”

Bus and Kindergarten Safety Patrols

Bannockburn Bus Safety Patrol

Statement of Purpose: The Bannockburn Safety Patrol is committed to ensuring safe behavior and travel to and from school between the hours of 8:45-9:20 and 3:50-4:25. (Times vary depending on the bus.)

Training

- Spring Training
- 3 Week Fall Training
- In Field Observation in the Fall

Traits of a Patrol:

- Maturity
- Reliability
- Ability to follow rules
- Punctuality
- Interest in traffic safety
- Sound judgment
- Good attendance record
- Courtesy
- Respect for classmates and others
- Desire to help others
- Ability to focus on and an interest in safety above socializing during times coming to and from school

Bannockburn Safety Patrols are STARs:

Safe

Trustworthy

Alert

Responsible

Other Requirements:

- Parent permission
- Attendance at trainings
- Safety Patrol Exam
- Ability to recite the Safety Patrol Pledge

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The Safety Patrol Pledge:

I promise to do my best to:

- Report for duty on time.
- Perform my duties faithfully.
- Strive to prevent traffic crashes, always setting a good example myself.
- Obey my teachers and officers of the patrol.
- Report dangerous student practices.
- Strive to earn the respect of fellow students.

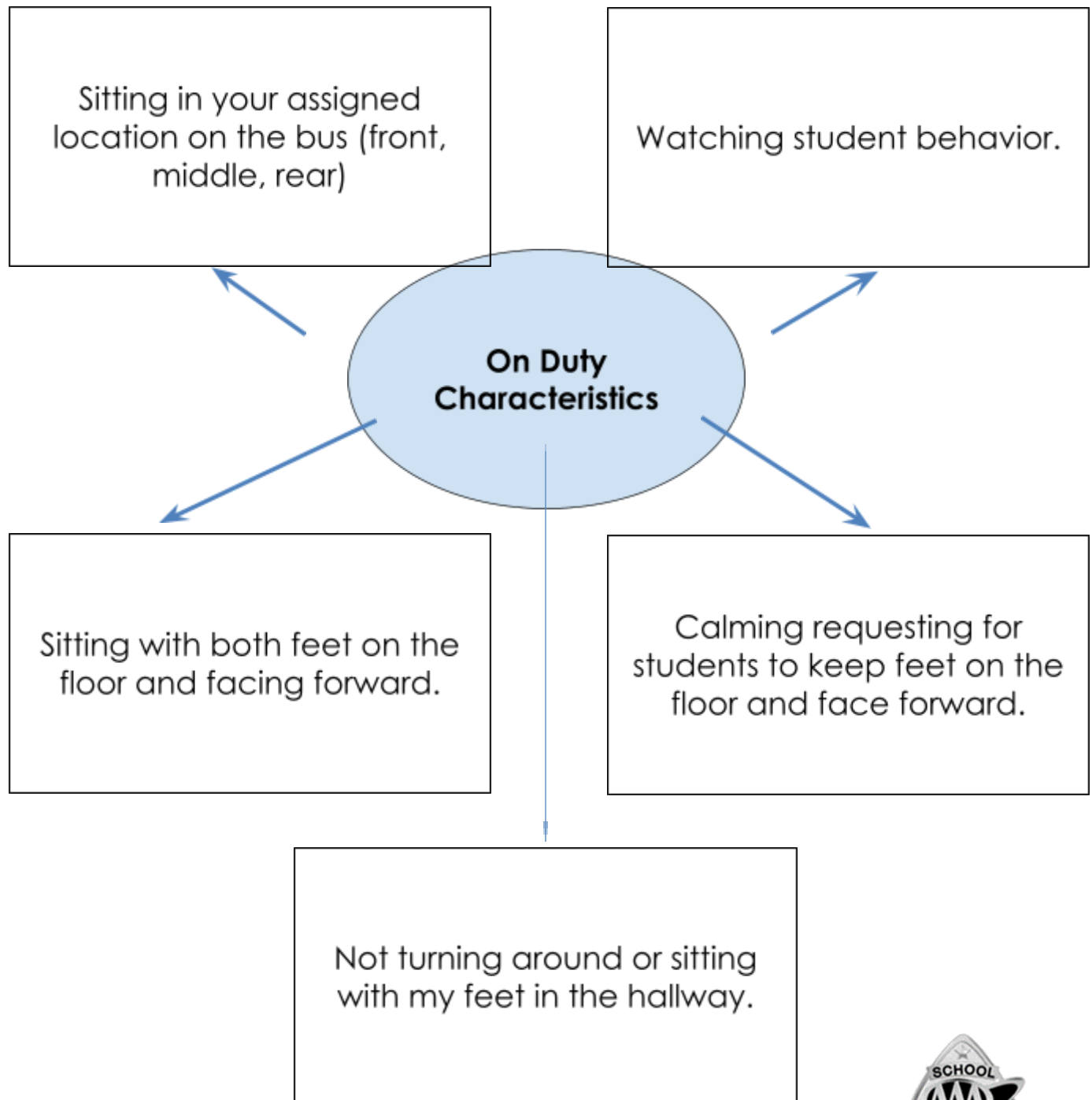


Characteristics	What it Means to Me
Maturity	Acting my age or even a bit older
Reliability	Reporting for duty regularly
Ability to Follow Rules	Modeling school rules
Punctuality	Reporting for duty on time
Interest in Traffic Safety	Focused interest
Sound Judgment	Thinking through problems carefully
Courtesy	Please, thank you, good manners in general
Respect for classmates and others	Kindness and empathy
Desire to help others	Helpfulness
Ability to focus on safety above socializing	On duty behavior = safety only

On-Duty Behavior:

Morning Duty Time: **8:45-9:20 a.m.**

Afternoon Duty Time: **3:40-4:25 p.m.**



Stranger Danger

Patrol Members Should Never:

- Approach cars or allow other students to approach unknown motorists.
- Accept candy or presents from strangers.
- Help strangers with directions or search for a lost pet.
- Allow their photos to be taken.
- Share their name, address, phone number, or other family information.

Seek ADULT help immediately if:

- You encounter someone who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- You become suspicious of the behavior of older students or adults.
- You are followed.

★ Patrol members learn that if they are grabbed by a stranger, they should kick and scream and make as much noise as possible.

Dangerous Student Practices



Part of the pledge school patrollers take is a promise to “report dangerous student practices.”

Just what are those practices? **A dangerous practice endangers students.**

Endanger means to put in harm's way.

When a patrol member observes a dangerous practice they should:

- Politely explain the risk to the offender (if it is another student).
- Tell your sergeant if the behavior doesn't stop.
- Ask the sergeant to report it to the crossing guard or a sponsor if the behavior continues.
- Only touch another student in an emergency.
- If another patrol member is involved in a dangerous practice, report it immediately to a sponsor.

Mechanics at Arrival

All bus and kindergarten patrollers will walk to their classroom. Kindergarten patrols will help with Kindergartens if necessary.



Bus Posts



The four posts on a bus are:

1. **Kindergarten**
2. **Front**
3. **Middle**
4. **Rear**



Front, Middle, and Rear Posts

Front patrol members sit in the right front seat of the bus and:

- Help students entering & leaving the bus (as allowed by the bus driver).
- Assist the driver in keeping objects out of the aisles.
- Remind students to keep heads and arms inside the bus.
- Report dangerous behavior to the bus driver and the safety patrol sponsor as necessary

Middle patrol members sit in the middle of the bus and:

- Monitor student noise and behavior.
- Keep students seated and aisles clear.
- Remind students to keep arms and heads inside the bus.
- Assist loading and unloading.
- Report dangerous behavior to the bus driver and the safety patrol sponsor as necessary

Rear patrol members sit near the back emergency door and:

- Check the bus for articles left behind by students
- Operate the rear emergency door in case of emergency
- Report dangerous behavior to the bus driver and the safety patrol sponsor as necessary



Safety Patrol Model of How Students Look on the Bus
seated
facing forward
two feet on the ground

Kindergarten Patrols

- I will leave my classroom when the **MAIN OFFICE** announces I can leave.
- I will pick up my **bus sign**.
- I will wait with kindergarten students in their classrooms until our bus is called.
- I will walk with the kindergarten students **behind** me in a line to the bus.
- I will **help** them onto the bus and **sit** with them on the ride home. kindergarten students on the bus.

When we leave school, the front of the bus line will look like this:



Mechanics at Dismissal

At dismissal, kindergarten bus patrols will report to kindergarten rooms and regular bus patrols will remain in classrooms until their bus dismissal announcement.

Notes for Exam:

