

## What do you do if you drop something?

Never, ever stoop down to get it until: 1) you have moved completely out of the danger zone 2) you have given the driver the signal and 3) the driver has given you a signal back that it is ok to pick it up.

\*\*If on campus, check with bus duty person.

## School Bus Conduct

It is unlawful for any person to disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school bus, or public school bus stop designated by local school officials. Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high or aggravated nature.

Students should:

- Remain seated at all times, talk in a classroom voice and keep your hands to yourself and out of aisles.
- Obey all instructions by the bus driver or bus aide.
- Not use profanity, intimidating or threatening language at any time.
- Not bully or tease another student.
- Stay in assigned seat if the driver assigns seats.
- Not throw anything off the bus.

## Items not allowed on bus

- No candy, gum or food
- No glass containers
- No bottles/cans or open containers (plastic water bottles are acceptable)
- No animals
- No large or bulky projects
- No weapons, explosives, lighters, drugs, combustible materials, alcohol, tobacco products or any other item not allowed on school property per each school's Handbook.

## Emergency Evacuations

\*Emergency Exits: Emergency Exit Windows on both sides of bus, Roof hatches, Front door, and Rear door.

\*The most common evacuation is front door which we practice every day when we get off at school.

\*The least common would be the windows or roof hatches which would only be used in an EXTREME emergency.

In a true emergency evacuation please do the following:

\*Remain completely quiet. LISTEN FOR INSTRUCTIONS!

\*Leave all items (book bags, tablets, etc.) on the bus.

\*Exit seat by seat, left to right, back to front. Do not move until the seat before you has cleared your aisle space.

\*Walk 100 feet (50 giant steps) away from your bus to your designated waiting area. Stay together. Be orderly and calm. Wait for the driver to tell you what to do next!

**Riding a bus is a privilege, please show your appreciation by following the rules!**

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# School Bus Safety



## Dade County Public Schools Transportation Department

**Children from Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade must have a parent or guardian present and visible at the bus stop or residence. If no authorized person is at the bus stop, child will be transported back to school.**



## Rules for Students while waiting for the School Bus:

\*Get up and get ready on time. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to come.

\*Wait at the bus stop in a safe place, 12 feet away from the road.

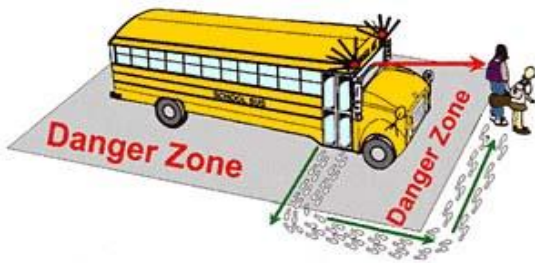
\*Wait in an orderly group. Form an orderly line as the bus approaches, with the first student in line standing 12 feet away from traffic.

\*Return home and get help or phone for assistance if you miss the bus.

\*NEVER chase after the bus.

\*NEVER walk to another bus stop.

\*NEVER – Parents, NEVER drive your child to another bus stop! Your bus driver will not be expecting you.



The **Danger Zone** is 12 feet all the way around the school bus! 12 feet equals 6 giant steps for elementary school students.

## How to Get ON the School Bus Safely If NOT Required to Cross the Road

- 1 STAY** – on your side of the road, 12 feet away from traffic.
- 2 WAIT** – for the bus to stop; for the door to open; for all traffic to stop from both directions; for the driver’s signal. When it is OK...
- 3 LOOK** – for moving traffic both ways as you walk through the danger zone, directly towards the bus door and board the bus without delay.

## How to Get ON the School Bus Safely If REQUIRED to Cross the Road

- 1 STAY** – on your side of the road, 12 feet away from traffic.
- 2 WAIT** – for the bus to stop and the stop arm to extend. Wait for your bus driver’s signal to cross. When you get to the edge of the road...
- 3 STOP** – and look for traffic both ways, then check again. When it is OK...
- 4 LOOK** – for moving traffic both ways as you walk directly across the road.
- 5 CROSS** – 12 feet in front of the bus in full view of your driver. Be careful in the danger zone and board the bus without delay.

## How to EXIT the School Bus Safely If NOT Required to Cross the Road

- 1 LOOK** – for moving traffic in all directions, especially from your right, before you leave the bus. Cars sometimes pass the bus on the right side. When it is OK, continue to...
- 2 LOOK** – for moving traffic both ways as you promptly...
- 3 WALK** - directly away from the bus 12 feet before stopping. You want your bus driver to see you leave the danger zone.

## How to EXIT the School Bus Safely If REQUIRED to Cross the Road

- 1 LOOK** – for moving traffic in all directions, especially to your right side. When OK...
- 2 WALK** – away from the right front of the bus in full view of your driver, going past the extended bus crossing gate. Then stop and...
- 3 WAIT** – for your bus driver’s signal to cross. On their signal, stay 12 feet away from the bus and walk to the center of the road and...
- 4 STOP** – looking both ways for moving traffic. Wait again for your driver’s signal that it is OK, then continue to...
- 5 LOOK** – for moving traffic as you promptly cross and exit 12 feet off the road.