

Safety Outside the Bus

- D** – **D**on't be late & never run after the bus.
- O** – **O**n the sidewalk, away from the road. Staying away from the road is the safe place to wait.
- N** – **N**ever go into the danger zones, especially close to the front of the bus.
- T** – **T**ell the driver if you drop something. It is dangerous if you bend down near the front of the bus or climb under the bus to get something you dropped.

If you have to cross the street, cross in front of the bus. Follow the driver's directions. Stop at the center line of the road and look left, right, left. Never go if a car is coming.



Safety Inside the Bus

1. Never put your head, arms or any other body part outside the windows.
2. Don't distract the driver when the bus is in motion.
3. Take your seat and put your bags under the seat in front of you.



ATTENTION PARENTS! IS YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING SAFE?

Drawstrings on jackets, sweatshirts and other clothing pose a danger to your child. These can get caught on school bus handrails, doors and even playground equipment. Protect your child. Remove all drawstrings or cut them off.

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS

Please go over these questions together and make sure they know how to behave safely around the school bus:

1. When should you arrive at your bus stop?
2. Where should you wait for the bus?
3. If you drop anything near or under the bus, what should you do?
4. If you are late and your bus is pulling away, what should you do?
5. When you get off the bus, how many steps should you take before turning left or right?
6. If you have to cross the street, how many steps in front of the bus should you take?
7. What can happen if you put your arms or head out of the bus window?
8. The wind blows your favorite hat off and it lands in front of the bus. What should you do?
9. What can happen if you go inside the crossing gate?
10. What can happen if you bang on the side of the bus?
11. When you need to cross the street, what should you do?
12. When you cross the street and you reach the center line of the road, what should you do?



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Dear Parents:

School bus transportation is the safest form of land transportation. Statistics show it is forty times safer for your child than travelling to and from school by any other means.

However, it is not perfect so our goal is to make it as safe as possible.

Today, your child participated in a safety program that taught them what they can do both in and around the school bus to be safe.

But, you can help too. Please go over the safety messages in this brochure with your child. Then, discuss the questions on the back page to make sure your child understands how to be safe in and around the school bus.

Together, we can make a difference.



Making Kids Safer™