



# School Bus Safety

**Stop For School Buses**

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# School bus safety is a shared responsibility.



- 1. Safety Training **FROM** the parents
- 1. Safety protocols **FOR** the students
- 2. Protocols for drivers **ENCOUNTERING** school buses



# Parents

Talk bus safety with your children:

Your child should arrive at the school bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive and teach them to play **SAFE**.

**S**tay at least ten feet - five giant steps - away from the curb.

**A**lways wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.

**F**ace forward after finding a seat on the bus.

**E**xit the bus after it stops and look left - right - left for cars before crossing a street.



# Students

## **Boarding the Bus**

- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.
- Find a seat and sit down immediately. Keep aisles clear of backpacks and other objects.

## **Behavior on the Bus**

- Remain seated facing forward when the bus is moving.
- Talk quietly; loud noises can distract the driver.
- Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.

## **Exiting the Bus**

- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- Use the handrail when exiting.
- Move away from the bus; never walk behind it.

## **Crossing the Street**

- Make eye contact with the driver and wait for their signal before crossing the street.
- Always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you, never behind the bus.



# If you are driving and encounter a school bus, remember these simple rules:

**Yellow flashing lights** indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop.

**Red flashing lights** and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Before you can start driving again, you must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving.

**Even when lights aren't flashing**, watch for children, particularly in the morning or mid-afternoon around school arrival and dismissal times. Be alert as you back out of a driveway or drive through a neighborhood, school zone, or bus stop.



## **Did you know?**

**School buses are the most regulated vehicles on the road. They are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in preventing crashes and injuries, and in every state, stop-arm laws exist to protect children from other motorists.**



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