

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STARTS WITH ME

A Parent-Child Handout about Bus Safety Preparations

Parents are strongly encouraged to:



Teach common traffic signals to your child (Stop Sign, Yield, RR Xing, Don't Walk Signals- Walk Signals, and Crosswalk Signals)



Practice walking to the bus stop and through your neighborhood w/child.



Prepare to arrive at the stop 10 minutes early for the first couple weeks of school (5 mins early thereafter).



Kindergarten students must have a Parent/Guardian at the bus stop after school before the driver can let them off the bus. Prepare your student so they know who to watch for each day.



No food or drink
Eating and/or drinking on the bus is not permitted (this is to keep all kids safe; i.e. allergies, choking, throwing food or trash).



Have your child practice being quiet at railroad tracks. Many drivers put "bunny ears" up with their hand to signal students when their approaching RR Xing.



Practice using classroom voices while in the car w/child- the same quiet voice will be expected on the school bus.



*Bus route number, stop location, pick up/drop off times will be available on Student Skyward accounts near the end of August.

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Prepare your child for safe Bus Stop behavior:



Wait for the school bus in a safe place at the bus stop. Stay away from the curb and off the street so the bus can approach safely. Be respectful of the property around you.



Wait in line to get on the bus. Never push.



Remember the bus is a quiet zone. Speak to your friends with an indoor voice while you are on the bus.



Always keep hands, head and arms inside the bus.



"Seat on seat- back to back- all your belongings in your lap."



Always listen to the bus driver.



Before crossing the road, always look at the driver to see if it is safe to cross.



If you drop something, NEVER go back to pick it up. The driver might not see you.



Stay out of the "Danger Zone". The danger zone is 10 feet around the bus in all directions.