

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).



Prepare to be at your child's stop after school before the bus arrives or have a designated person there for your child. Parent/Guardian must be visible to the driver when the bus arrives.



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.



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



*Kindergarten students only - Bus information will be mailed home on a postcard the week before school starts.

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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. 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 at all times.



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.



Go over the danger zones w/child - Danger Zone is 10 feet around the bus in all directions. The school bus driver will go over this during the special bus day in the first week of school. But parents can start to talk to their child about it now. Repetition of safe bus behavior is important!