

Safety Tips

Student safety is a top priority for Mead School District. The following information is provided to parents as a guide for planning student transportation to and from school. Please remember to dress for the weather. Inclement weather can lead to delays walking to school or waiting for the bus.

Bus Stop Safety

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early. Rushing often leads to carelessness.
- Take five giant steps back from the curb, which is in the driver's line of vision.
- Pack all belongings in appropriate bags so hands are free to grab the safety rail inside the bus.
- Make sure clothes and backpacks don't have hanging straps or strings that may become snagged in the vehicle.
- Students should wait calmly at the bus stop. Playing, pushing, shoving and running are all dangerous near roadways and traffic.
- Wait until the bus stops completely before approaching the vehicle.
- When exiting the bus, children should cross in front of the bus, never behind it.
- When approaching and leaving the bus stop, be alert to traffic, looking left, right and left again before crossing the street.

Entering and Exiting the Bus

- When approaching and leaving the bus stop, be alert to traffic, looking left, right and left again before crossing the street. Remain alert to other vehicles when entering and exiting the bus.
- Use the handrail when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping on wet steps.
- Listen to the driver at all times as they must pay extra attention to the road conditions and other vehicles.
- Keep your conversation on the bus at a low level as the driver must pay attention to road conditions and other vehicles.

School Bus Lanes & District Parking Lot Safety

- Never try to retrieve anything that drops near or under a bus; ask school staff or the driver for assistance.
- Never walk between parked buses.
- Never walk behind a bus; always cross in front.
- Never run out from between parked cars.
- Always use marked crossings in district parking lots.

Winter Safety

- Allow extra time in the morning to get to the bus stop on time
- Be cautious at the bus stop. Stand an additional 5 feet away (a total of 10 feet) from the curb. Snow, ice and puddles may accumulate near the stop, making it easy to slip and fall.
- Don't throw snowballs at the bus, other vehicles or people.
- Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street. You could accidentally slide under the wheel of a vehicle or get hurt.
- No pushing or shoving at any time. Someone could fall down on the ice or fall beneath the bus or another vehicle.
- To help with stability walking during bad weather, place items in your backpack or school bag, thus making your hands free to be used for balance.