

# Getting On and Off the Bus

- Teach your child that if they drop something while entering or leaving the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.
- Teach your child to secure loose drawstrings and other objects that may get caught in the handrail or door of the bus.
- Send your child with a note for a bus pass if you would like them to get off the bus at a stop that is not assigned to them.



The driver is not allowed to let a child Off at another stop without a **proper bus pass from the school.**

- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited at seeing you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Safe Student Behaviors if REQUIRED TO CROSS Road AFTER EXITING the Bus

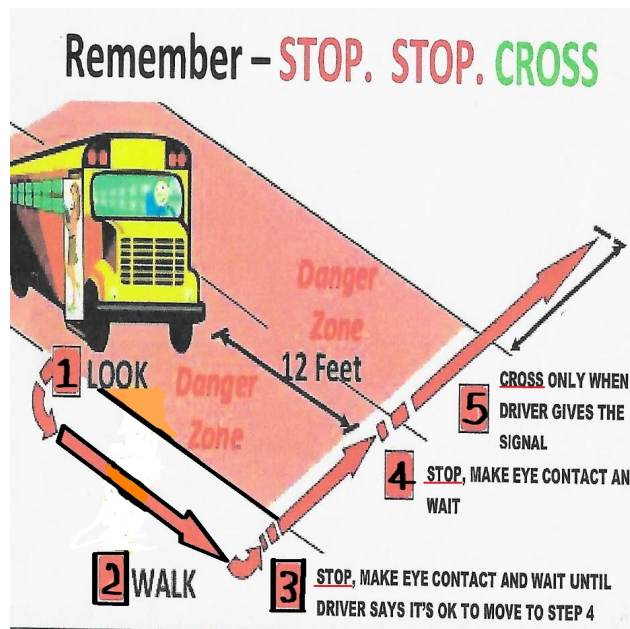
**LOOK** – for moving traffic in all directions, especially to your right, before you exit. Cars sometimes pass the bus on the right side. When OK...

**WALK** – away from the right front of the bus in full view of your driver, going past the extended bus crossing gate. Then stop and . . .

**WAIT** – for your bus driver's signal to cross. On their signal, stay 12 feet away from the bus and walk to the center of the road and . . .

**STOP** – looking both ways for moving traffic. Wait again for your driver's signal that it is OK, then continue to . . .

**LOOK** – for moving traffic as you promptly cross and exit 12 feet off the road.



Crossing the Roadway is DANGEROUS – Cars May Not Stop!

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

# School Bus Safety Tips for Parents



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**Bus Stop Information:** Parents may find bus information for their student at [Infofinder.com](http://Infofinder.com). Enter your address and student's grade. Infofinder will bring up the most current bus stop information for your student.

If you need additional assistance please contact the transportation department.

## Getting Ready for School

- Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so that they won't drop things along the way.
- Have them wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers.
- Make sure they leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive five (5) minutes before the bus is due. Running can be dangerous.



## Walking to the Bus Stop

- Walk your young child to the bus stop and have older children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior: walk on the sidewalk, if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street.
- If you must walk to your bus stop, walk single file, face traffic if possible and stay as far from the edge of the road as you can.
- Do not cross the street to get to your bus stop unless there is a crosswalk or the bus has arrived and the driver gives you the signal that it is safe to cross. Make sure you look left, right and then left again when crossing the street. Do the same thing at driveways and alleys.
- Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right and left.
- Do not use a cell phone or have ear buds on when walking to the bus stop.



## Waiting at the Bus Stop

- Don't let your child play running games or push and shove at the bus stop. It is dangerous near traffic.
- Make sure your child stands away from the road while waiting for the bus.
- Teach your child to respect private and public property at the bus stop.



## Riding the Bus

- Children should talk quietly, be courteous to all and follow the driver's instructions.
- Children should stay seated during the entire bus ride and keep the aisles clear.