

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK - OCTOBER 22-26, 2018

Bus safety tips by the Transportation Joint Agreement (TJA) and the National Association for Pupil Transportation

REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Getting Ready for School

- Carry all belongings in a backpack or school bag.
- Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled bus arrival time.
Remember that running after or in front of a school bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop

- When possible, walk with others to the bus stop. There is safety in numbers and groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Walk on the sidewalk when possible and avoid walking in the street. If walking in the street is the only option, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as possible.
- Remember to stop and look *left, right and then left* again when crossing the street. Do the same thing at driveways and alleys.

At the Bus Stop

- Wait for the bus in a location that is visible by approaching drivers. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car.
- Do not cross the street until receiving a signal from the bus driver.
- Don't play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

- If belongings are dropped while getting on and off the bus, do not pick them up. Instead, notify the driver and follow his/her instructions.
- Look to the right before stepping off the bus.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Accompany young children to the bus stop or have them walk with a group.
- If meeting your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where your child will be dropped off -- not across the street. Children may be so excited to see you that they may dash across the street and forget the safety rules.
- Slow down and use caution on school grounds, especially in parking lots around buses during arrival and dismissal.

REMINDERS FOR MOTORISTS

- Buses are required to stop for all railroad crossings whether or not students are on board.

- Remember to stay at least 20 feet behind a school bus, SLOW DOWN when you see flashing yellow lights, and STOP for school buses displaying flashing red lights and an extended stop arm. Traffic must stop in both directions on a two-lane road.