

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING A SCHOOL BUS.

The loading and unloading guidelines are most important for each student to follow. These loading and unloading procedures are to keep 100% of the students safe 100% of the time. It takes the student, the parents, and the driver to work together and save lives.

The loading and unloading steps that are required for each student.

Every student is required to be at their bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives and ready to load the school bus safely.

Students should be 12 feet or more away from the road. This is their safe zone to help keep them safe while waiting on their bus. It is very important that each student waiting on their bus is not horseplaying and if there are multiple students waiting on the bus, they should line up and put away all cell phones or any other electronic device that could distract them, their earbuds/headphones completely off the ears to assure their safety at all times. They can bring those back out once loaded safely on the school bus, or have unloaded the school bus and have reached their safe zone.

Students should be on alert and watching as the bus approaches their stop. The yellow lights will activate 200 feet before coming to a stop, then the red warning lights will activate. This is NOT the signal for ANY student to approach the bus. ALL students will have signals from their bus driver for each step on loading the bus safely.

Loading the school bus on the doorside:

Students are to stand and stay in their safe zone 12 feet away from the road.

The student should make eye contact with the bus driver at all times.

Once the bus has come to a stop with all the red lights flashing, the driver will check each mirror for any traffic that has not stopped.

Once the driver sees that it is safe, he/she will give the OK signal to walk from their safe zone to the bus. Students will look left, right, left while approaching the bus.

Vehicles can come down the right side of the bus as the student is loading, and it is important that the driver and student are always looking for cars.

Once the student has safely loaded the bus, they are required to sit in the move-up move-back seat. This is the number 3 and 4 seats in the front. This is so the driver can proceed without students standing and holding up traffic. The student will go to their assigned seat once the bus has reached their next stop.

Loading the school bus crossing the street:

Students are to stand and stay in their safe zone 12 feet away from the road.

The student should make eye contact with the bus driver at all times.

Once the bus has come to a stop with all the red lights flashing, the driver will check each mirror for any traffic that has not stopped.

Once the driver sees that it is safe, he/she will then give the first rainbow signal.

The first rainbow signal means that the student then walks to the end of their driveway or roadway.

The student will stop looking left, right, left as well as the driver checking each mirror for any moving vehicles.

Once the student and driver have looked for any moving vehicles, the driver will then give the student the second rainbow signal.

The student will start across the street continuing to look left, right, left, then stop before approaching the door looking to see if any cars are coming up the right side of the bus.

Once the student sees it is safe they will then continue to load the bus and sit in the move-up move-back seat.

After the students have safety aboard the bus, and have gotten in their assigned seats, they are then able to use their electronic devices and their earbuds/headphones.

Unloading the school bus on the doorside:

Students are to move to the move-up move-back seat when they are next to unload the school bus.

ALL students must have their cell phones/electronic devices, put away and earbuds/headphones out of their ears, ready to exit the bus.

Students are to stay seated once the bus has approached their stop.

The driver will check all the mirrors and make sure all traffic has come to a complete stop.

Once the driver has seen it is safe, the driver will say "CLEAR" and the student will then get up hold the handrail, stop at the bottom step and look down the right side of the bus looking for any vehicles coming down the right side.

Once the student sees it is safe, they will step down and walk to their safe zone at 12 feet.

No student should EVER check the mail.

Once the bus has pulled away from the bus stop, the student will then be able to check their mail.

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Students are to stay seated once the bus has approached their stop.

The driver will check all the mirrors and make sure all traffic has come to a complete stop.

Once the driver sees it is safe, the driver will say "CLEAR" and the student will then get up, hold the handrail, stop at the bottom step and look down the right side of the bus looking for any vehicles coming down the right side.

The student will then walk up to the front of the bus and stand 10 feet away from the front of the bus. There is a crossing gate as a guide and no student should ever touch or step over the crossing gate.

The student should always make eye contact with the driver.

The driver will check all mirrors to make sure it is safe before giving the student the first rainbow signal.

Once the first rainbow signal is given to the student, the student will walk to the other side of the bus and stop.

The student will then look left, right, left, while the driver is checking all mirrors to assure all traffic has stopped.

The student will look at the driver, and the driver will give the second rainbow signal and the student will continue to look left, right, left while crossing over into their safe zone at 12 feet.

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Working together we can keep every child safe while they're outside of the school bus. So many people are distracted drivers, and it only takes one second for life changing events to happen. It is our goal to make sure to keep 100% of the students safe 100% of the time.

