

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

School bus drivers do everything they can to keep students safe, but drivers + parents also play a critical role in bus safety. Follow the safety laws to help protect our children on the bus.

BE ALERT

Follow behind a school bus at a safe distance, because the vehicles make frequent stops. When you see a bus slowing down or stopping, be aware of the bus and the surrounding area. Children are likely nearby, waiting to board or crossing the street to board or after exiting.



DO NOT PASS

DO NOT pass a school bus while the stop-arm is extended and red lights are flashing. This applies to highways, streets, private roads, and school property, including when school buses are in parking lots or in a drop-off or pick-up lane at school.



WATCH FOR LIGHTS

SLOW DOWN when you see yellow flashing lights - the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. **STOP** when you see red flashing lights + extended stop arms - the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off.

STUDENT REMINDERS

- Stand as far back from the curb as possible when waiting for a bus.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver signals that it's safe before getting on.
 - Only cross in front of the bus, after driver signals that it's safe. Look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT** to make sure it's safe to cross
 - Stay seated at all times on the bus and keep hands, feet, and head inside the bus.

