

BUS STOP SAFETY



When children are waiting at the bus stop it is important that they wait for the bus safely. Please discuss the following expectations with your child in an effort to make it safe for all students at the bus stop.

- Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.
- Wait in an orderly line at least 10 feet from the roadway.
- Cross in front of the bus and wait for the driver to motion you across the roadway.
- No pushing, shoving, chasing or running around at the bus stop.
- Do not destroy property at the bus stop (i.e. bushes, plants, trees, etc.).
- No throwing rocks or snow balls.
- Do not talk to strangers or get into a vehicle with strangers.
- Walk directly home in the afternoon unless you have made prior arrangements.
- If your child is going to ride a different bus, they need to have a note from their parent/guardian that has been signed by the office.
- If the student is **NOT** to get off the bus without a parent waiting at the bus stop, prior arrangements **MUST** be made with the transportation department. Make sure your child communicates with the bus driver that they cannot be released from the bus alone.
- Without prior arrangements, student will be let off the bus at the bus stop. The only exceptions are kindergarten students – all kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop.



During the school bus ride:

- **Always sit fully in the seat and face forward.**
- **Do not distract the driver.**
- **Never stand on a moving bus.**
- **Follow the drivers or attendants' instructions.**
- **Speak in a quiet voice.**
- **Never stick anything out the window (arms, legs, head, back packs, etc.)**

Motorists should slow down and be alert while in school zones. As a driver, you need to pay attention to where kids are and what they are doing. Be especially careful around school buses. It is illegal in every state to pass a school bus stopped to load or unload children.