

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUS SAFETY 101

In the Pittsburgh Public Schools, the safety of our students **is a top priority**. School buses and public transportation remain the **safest mode of transportation** for students to and from school. To ensure a safe ride for everyone, it is **important** that students follow important safety tips.

CATCHING THE BUS

- Avoid running to catch the bus by getting to your bus stop **10 minutes before** the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When waiting for the bus, **stay away from the street and avoid running, playing or other behavior** that can lead to accidents.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least **three giant steps** (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.

RIDING THE BUS

- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to where you can look the driver in the eyes before you cross. **Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.**
- **Use the handrails** to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing and book bags **don't get caught** in the handrails or doors.

EXITING THE BUS

- After you get off the bus, walk at least **three giant steps** away from the side of the bus. **Never** walk behind the bus!
- If you drop something near the bus, **tell the bus driver**. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- While on the bus, students should stay seated, talk quietly, be courteous to the driver and fellow riders, and follow the driver's instructions **at all times**.



REMEMBER, BUS TRANSPORTATION IS A PRIVILEGE!

All school rules, including school discipline procedures and protections, apply when students are on the bus and at the bus stop. Violations that occur involving the school bus and/or incidents that occur while students are on the way to school (bus stop/neighborhood) or returning from school (bus stop/neighborhood) **may result in disciplinary action**. Follow your instincts! Tell a trusted adult of any behavior or activity that **makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe**.

