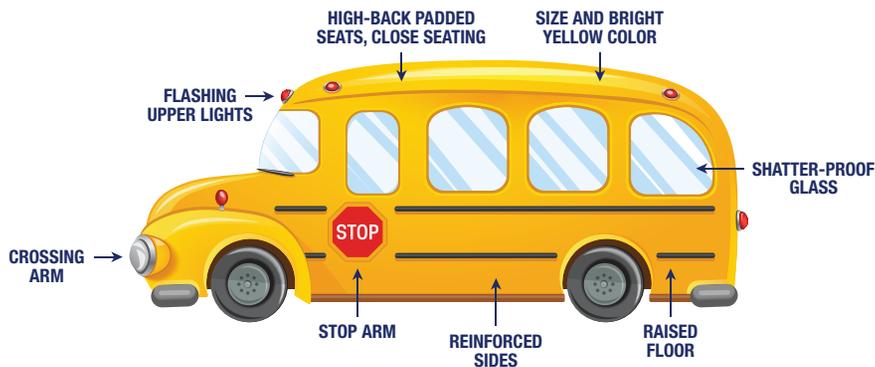


TIPS FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never push when getting on or off of the school bus.
- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.
- Be aware—cross with care! Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.
- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into the car with a stranger.
- Never play with the emergency exits. Backpacks, band instruments, or sports equipment may not block the aisle or emergency exits. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- When getting off of the school bus, make sure that all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so that they don't get caught on the handrail or the door.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- If you leave something on the bus or drop something outside of the bus, never go back for it. The driver may not see you and begin moving the bus.



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THE WIDTH (IN INCHES) OF MOST SCHOOL BUS SEATS

800

THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES

2,200

THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

22,000

THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS TRANSPORTED AT PPS

WAIT FOR THE BUS IN A SINGLE LINE

Always wait for the bus in a single line. When getting on the bus stay away from the danger zone, make eye contact with the bus driver, and wait for the driver's signal. Board the bus one at a time. Don't push or shove to get on or off the bus.

BUS AND BUS STOP RULES

- All school rules, including school discipline procedures and protections, apply when students are on the bus and at the bus stop. School officials are in charge of discipline.
- 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.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR SAFETY AND COURTESY:

AT THE BUS STOP

- Arrive at the assigned stop ten (10) minutes before bus pickup.
- Stand on the sidewalk or the edge of the street by the curb.
- Stay off private property.
- Do not stand on the traveled part of the road.
- Be respectful and watchful of traffic.
- Wait in a quiet and orderly manner.

ON THE BUS

- Obey the bus driver and exhibit orderly conduct.
- Be courteous and respectful of people and property.
- Remain seated at all times.
- Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus.
- Keep the bus clean.
- Use of profane language, eating, drinking, smoking, throwing objects, unsafe objects or weapons and vandalism may result in disciplinary action. Criminal conduct may be referred to law enforcement.

LEAVING THE BUS

- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner.
- Leave at your assigned bus stop.
- Cross in front of the bus.
- Leave the bus stop in an orderly manner.

