



PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDE TO BUS SAFETY

Working together to keep our students safe.



All district-owned buses follow the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools transportation policies and procedures.



PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDELINES



Partner with us to help ensure your child's safety every day.



Arrive at your child's bus stop **10 minutes early**. Be visible and ready.



Teach your child to follow bus safety rules and stay seated.



Teach your child to wait for the bus at a safe place.



Teach your child to never talk to strangers, take items from strangers, or walk away from the bus without permission.



If your child forgets or drops something, a parent or guardian must meet the bus driver to retrieve the item. Your child should never go back to the bus stop or cross the street to get it.



Do not park or stop your vehicle in front of the bus stop or school. It blocks the driver's view.



Stop for buses with flashing red lights and extended stop arm.



Passing a stopped bus is illegal in both directions on any road. It's dangerous and could result in fines and points on your license.



Be at the bus stop on time. If the bus is early or your child is not there, the bus may not be able to wait.



Report concerns about bus safety or your child's transportation to the school or transportation office.



DANGER ZONES AROUND THE SCHOOL BUS

Students must be aware of the danger zones around the bus, where it is most difficult for the bus driver to see them. Stay out of these areas to prevent serious injury.



FRONT DANGER ZONE:

The 10 feet directly in front of the bus. Students should always cross in front 10 giant steps, or about 10 feet, in front of the bus after making eye contact with the bus driver and waiting for the bus driver's signal.



REAR DANGER ZONE:

The 10 feet directly behind the bus. Never walk behind the bus for any reason.



SIDE DANGER ZONES:

The 10 feet along each side of the bus. Stay away from the wheels and doors.



SAFE LOADING ZONE:

Stand **5 giant steps** away at all times. Wait for the driver's signal before approaching or crossing in front of the bus.



BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES



The buses are equipped with cameras to monitor bus safety and security 24/7.



Reports are reviewed and potential violations are documented.

Together, we can all be responsible for keeping our students safe and supporting a positive culture on the bus.

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VERBAL WARNING:

A verbal warning is given for a minor or first-time offense.

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WRITTEN WARNING:

A written warning is issued and sent home to parents/guardians.

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FIRST OCCURRENCE:

For continued or serious violations, parents/guardians are notified.

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SECOND OCCURRENCE:

For repeated violations, possible bus suspension and/or meeting with transportation supervisor or principal.

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ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES:

Further consequences may include extended suspension or removal of bus privileges.

TO REPORT A BUS SAFETY CONCERN OR FOR TRANSPORTATION HELP OR QUESTIONS:



Contact your child's school or the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools Transportation Office