



SCHOOL BUS

SAFETY STARTS WITH ALL OF US

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS & STUDENTS

Wickliffe City Schools and Community Bus Services are committed to providing safe and reliable transportation for every student. School bus safety is a shared responsibility. Please review these important safety expectations with your child at the beginning of the school year and reinforce them throughout the year.

STOP • LOOK • LISTEN • FOLLOW YOUR DRIVER'S DIRECTIONS

1 AT THE BUS STOP

BE READY. BE VISIBLE. BE SAFE.



- ✓ Arrive 10 minutes before your assigned stop time.
- ✓ Wait only in your driver's designated place of safety, away from traffic.
- ✓ Never run, push, play, or enter the road while waiting for the bus.
- ✓ Wear light-colored or reflective clothing when waiting in darkness or low visibility.
- ✓ If the bus is late or does not arrive, do not leave the stop or accept a ride from a stranger. Follow your family's safety plan.

2 BOARDING & EXITING

THE DRIVER IS IN CHARGE.



- ✓ Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver signals you to board.
- ✓ Use the handrail and enter carefully.
- ✓ Go directly to your seat.
- ✓ When exiting, move promptly to your designated place of safety.
- ✓ If you must cross the road, always follow the driver's instructions and signal.
- ✓ Never return to the bus for a dropped item. Tell the driver.

3 RIDING THE BUS

SAFE BEHAVIOR KEEPS EVERYONE SAFE.



- ✓ Remain seated and keep the aisle and emergency exits clear.
- ✓ Follow the driver's directions promptly and respectfully.
- ✓ Keep head, hands and arms inside the bus.
- ✓ Carry only items that can be held safely or properly secured.
- ✓ Use appropriate language and behavior.
- ✓ **Do not distract the driver.**
- ✓ Board and exit only at your assigned stop, unless authorized.

4 PARENTS & GUARDIANS

WE NEED YOUR HELP.



Please talk with your child about safe behavior at the bus stop, while boarding and exiting, and while riding the school bus.

Remind your child that the bus driver's most important responsibility is the safe operation of the school bus. Following directions, remaining seated, and behaving appropriately allow the driver to keep their attention where it belongs—on the road and on the safety of every student.

KNOW THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ZONE

Stay safe by staying outside the danger zone.



STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE

- Stay out of the danger zone around the bus unless directed by the driver.
- Always remain where the driver can see you.
- After exiting, go directly to your designated place of safety.
- Never walk behind the school bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up. Tell the driver.
- When crossing, wait for the driver's signal and continue to watch for traffic.

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ARRIVING SAFE, ON-TIME AND
READY TO LEARN

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

