



# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS



## GOING TO AND WHILE YOU WAIT AT THE BUS STOP

- Students and parents are responsible for safety and proper behavior going to and from the stop and while waiting for the bus
- Be alert and look left, right, and left again when crossing to get to your bus stop
- Obey signals, be visible, and make sure drivers can see you
- Students must stand off the roadway while waiting
- Students must respect other people's property
- Students must not push, shove, or engage in horseplay
- Students must arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time
- Students must wait for and get off the bus only at approved stop locations



## DURING LOADING AND UNLOADING

- Never walk behind the bus or along the side of the bus
- Always be sure the driver can see you
- When you see the bus coming, stand at the stop, and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop
- Always wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross the road and/or load into the bus
- NEVER pick up an object that you drop under or near the bus; ask the driver for help
- When crossing a traffic lane, always look left, right, then left again; cross only if approaching traffic has stopped
- Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps that could catch in the handrail or bus door
- Only board your assigned bus, unless other arrangements are approved by your school



## DURING THE BUS RIDE

- Always follow the driver's directions
- Never distract the driver from driving unless there is immediate danger to you or others
- Remain seated and keep the aisles clear
- Eating, drinking, and chewing gum are prohibited
- Never bring unsafe or unauthorized items on the bus
- Always keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus
- Always show respect for your fellow students
- Keep conversation at a reasonable level and remain quiet at railroad crossings
- The Student Code of Conduct applies on the bus as well as in the classroom