

# Do your part for **School Bus Safety**

## Always Follow These Ten Important Rules

**1** Dress properly for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, and straps on clothing and backpacks are removed to avoid getting caught in bus doors, railings, or aisles. Be especially careful of drawstrings with large knots or slides on the end.

**2** Arrive at the bus stop early. The bus has to run on schedule. There are other stops to make and other children waiting to be picked up.

**3** Never stand or play in the roadway. Stay at least 20 feet away from the street while waiting for the bus.

**4** Do not approach the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing and use the handrail.



**7** Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings on your lap. Always keep them out of the aisle and away from emergency exits.

**8** No eating or drinking on the bus.

**9** Always listen to the driver's instructions. Follow the driver's instructions at all times.

**5** Take your assigned seat right away. Remain seated, facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.

**6** Always remain seated while the bus is in motion. For your safety and the safety of other students.

**10** Be courteous to the driver and other students. You may talk quietly with your neighbors, but avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Stay seated with your hands to yourself.

## Five Bonus Rules

**1** Never throw anything out the window. Always keep your head, arms, hands and fingers inside the bus.

**2** Stay out of the Danger Zone. This is the area close to the bus in the front, sides and back where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. To make sure that the

driver sees you, when crossing the street, take ten giant steps ahead of the bus and out of the Danger Zone. You should be able to see the driver and the driver should see you. If you can see the driver's eyes, then the driver can see you. Never crawl near, around, or under a bus

**3** To exit the bus, wait until the bus comes to a complete

stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus. Be sure to take all of your belongings. Be careful that none of your clothing becomes snagged on any part of the bus as you leave the bus.

**4** If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal. First, make sure that the driver

sees you. While you are standing on the side of the street, take ten giant steps ahead of the bus. You should be able to see the driver and the driver should see you. If you can see the driver's eyes, then the driver can see you. When you get to the middle of the street, stop and look both ways before going any farther. Then cross in front of the bus. If your driver honks the horn, STOP

right away and return to the side of the street from which you started to cross

**5** Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something. Never horseplay around a school bus, even if it is stopped. Don't stoop or crawl near a school bus. Stay out of the Danger Zone at all times.



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