

SAFETY RULES FOR STUDENTS RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

Arriving at the Pick-up Point

1. Be on time. Leave home in time to get to the bus stop before the school bus arrives.
2. If other students are waiting at the bus stop, get in line without crowding or pushing and stay off the road.

Crossing a Road To Get To Your Bus Stop

1. If you have to cross the road to reach your bus stop, stand on the opposite side of the road from the bus stop and wait for the bus to arrive.
2. Watch for the bus driver's signal that it's safe, check for traffic, then cross the road at least 3 metres/10 feet in front of the bus and ahead of the extended crossing arm.
3. Look left and right as you cross the road. At an intersection, look in all directions.
4. Always cross the road at right angles; don't cut across on an angle.
5. Walk quickly across the road, but don't run.
6. NEVER cross the road BEHIND the school bus.

Getting On the Bus

1. Line up in single file with younger students in the front so they can board first.
2. Wait in line until the bus has stopped and the entrance door is fully open.
3. Board the bus quickly, but don't crowd or push other students.
4. Never run onto the bus as the steps may be slippery, especially in winter. Place your foot squarely on the steps, not the edges. Use the handrail.
5. Be careful getting on the bus if you are carrying books or other items because it's harder to see the steps and hold the handrail.
6. Go directly to your seat, face forward, and sit well to the back of the seat.

Conduct on the Bus

1. Stay in your seat for the entire trip.
2. Keep the aisle clear by placing books and other items on your lap or under the seat.
3. Avoid unnecessary discussion with the driver.
4. Avoid doing anything that might distract the driver or interfere with his or her driving.
5. Don't yell or talk loudly.
6. Don't open windows without the driver's permission.
7. Never stick your head, arms, hands, or feet out the windows.
8. Don't throw anything inside the bus or out the window. You could hurt another passenger or a pedestrian, or create a dangerous situation for another driver.
9. Except in an emergency, don't touch the emergency door or exits or any part of the bus equipment.
10. Don't eat on the bus.
11. Obey the bus driver's instructions promptly. Remember: Your cooperation will help everyone stay safe.
12. If there are school bus captains on your bus, obey their instructions. They're there to help the driver and keep you safe.

Getting Off the Bus

1. Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped and the entrance door is fully open.
2. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
3. Be extra careful around the danger zones of the bus.
4. Move quickly away from the school bus to a safe location.

Crossing a Roadway After Getting Off the Bus

1. If you have to cross the road after getting off the bus, walk along the edge of the road until you are at least 3 metres/10 feet in front of the bus, ahead of the extended crossing arm. Then, walk to the left front side of the bus, stop, and look both ways to make sure traffic has stopped and that it's safe to cross the road. Watch for the bus driver's signal that it's safe, check for traffic again, and cross the road.
2. Look left and right as you cross. At an intersection, look in all directions.
3. Always cross the road at right angles; don't cut across on an angle.
4. Walk quickly across the road, but don't run.
5. NEVER cross the road BEHIND the school bus.

