

School Bus Safety Tips



Tips students should follow to be safe around the school bus.

- *Stay 12 giant steps away from the outside of the bus
- *Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting on or off
- *Don't pick up any items they may have dropped near the bus. The driver may not see you. Instead, ask the driver for help.
- *Wait until the driver signals it's OK to cross the street in front of the bus
- *Stay away from the bus wheels at all times
- *Remain alert at all times

What do the different light mean on a school bus?

*School buses have amber/yellow and red flashing lights. The amber flashing lights indicates the bus is preparing to stop. The red flashing lights and stop arm are activated when the bus is stopped to pick up or drop students. When lights are flashing motorists should slow down and take caution.

What are the rules for driving near a bus when the stop arm is activated?

*Motorists should always heed the school bus stop arm. All drivers following the bus or coming from the opposite direction must stop at least ten feet away from the bus until the stop arm is deactivated and the bus begins to move. Drivers traveling in the opposite direction of the bus on a road four or more lanes may continue with caution.

How can parents help prepare students for a safe school year?

- *Meet your child's bus driver
- *Set up a constant routine with your child
- *Once school begins, establish a schedule and routine
- *Make sure your child's belongings are clearly marked