

THE MORNING BUS STOP

1. Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes early.
2. Wait at the bus stop in a safe place 12 feet off of the road where possible.
3. Stay on your side of the road until the bus driver gives you instructions to cross.
4. Wait in an orderly group and load the bus in an orderly fashion.
5. Keep electronic equipment and ear buds packed away as you prepare to load the bus.
6. If you miss the bus, you must return home and contact a parent or guardian. DO NOT chase the bus or go to another bus stop.



WHAT DOES “SOAR” MEAN?

“SOAR” stands from riding the school bus to school ... **S**afely, **O**rdery **A**nd **R**espectfully!

Your parents expect you to be safe, orderly and respectful. Your teachers expect you to be safe, orderly and respectful. Your driver expects you to be safe, orderly, and respectful too. We expect this in and around the school bus!

BUS EVACUATION INFORMATION

If we need to get off the school bus quickly in an emergency, what will we do? Learn all the possible exits (front door, rear door, labeled windows and roof hatch(es)) on your school bus.



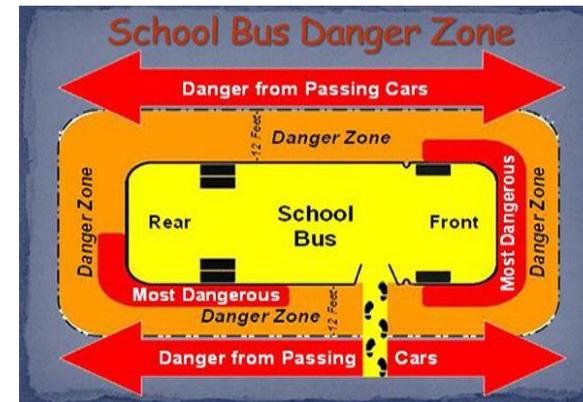
THE AFTERNOON BUS STOP

1. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting out of your seat.
2. Have all items in your book bag before getting off the bus, including electronic equipment and ear buds.
3. Look for traffic when you are exiting the bus...do not step off bus if traffic is not stopped.
4. Walk 6 steps or 12 feet away from the school bus and go directly home if you do not cross the road.
5. If you have to cross the road, wait for your driver to signal you and stay alert for danger.
6. If you hear a horn, it is a warning signal! Stop, find the danger, and move away as quickly as possible.

THE “DANGER ZONE”

The Danger Zone is 12 feet all the way around the school bus! Twelve feet is about the same as 6 steps for an adult but more for a child.

- Make sure you can see the driver. If you cannot see the driver, they cannot see you.
- Only approach a school bus at the door and only if the driver has given you the signal that it is ok to approach. Before you move, look both ways for danger!
- Walk six steps away from the school bus any time you are unloading.
- Stay away from the most dangerous areas: the bumpers, tires, and behind the school bus.
- Be aware of any passing cars. Do not rely on them to stop.



Respect the “Danger Zone” and stay away from it. Following these tips will help protect you when loading and unloading a school bus.

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Student well-being depends on all of us choosing to work together by making good choices that protect them. Isn't that a commitment we can all make?

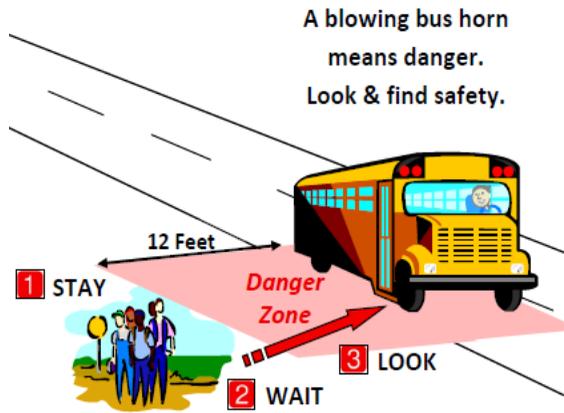
Sometime a lack of understanding can be a barrier to achieving mutually accepted goals. Do you understand what is needed to protect each and every student who rides a school bus?

The purpose of this brochure is to equip all of our stakeholders to participate in helping us protect 100% of our students 100% of the time, learn about school safety and apply what you learn to protect our students.

Won't you please join us?

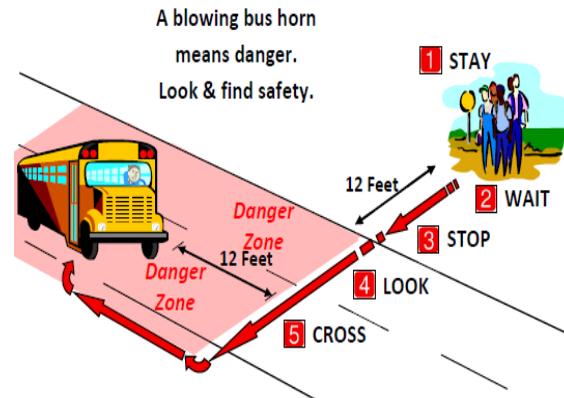


LOADING ON DOOR SIDE



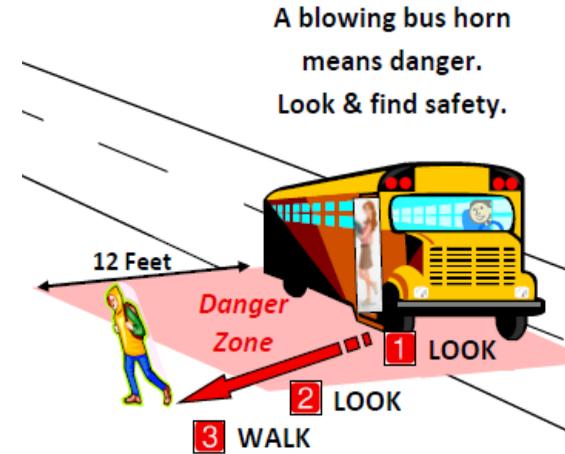
- **STAY** on your side of the road until your bus arrives.
- **STAY** at least 12 feet away from the road where possible.
- **WAIT** for the bus to stop and for the door to open.
- Look and **WAIT** for all traffic to stop before stepping towards the bus. The stop arm is asking cars to stop, but they may not stop. If you see a car moving, do not move forward until it has stopped.
- Continue to **LOOK** in both directions for moving cars as you walk straight towards the bus door. Be sure your bus driver can see you.
- Stay away from the front and rear bus tires and board the bus without delay.
- The signal for danger is the continuous blowing of the bus horn. If you hear the bus horn blow, look for dangerous vehicles and get out of the way.

LOADING ACROSS THE ROAD



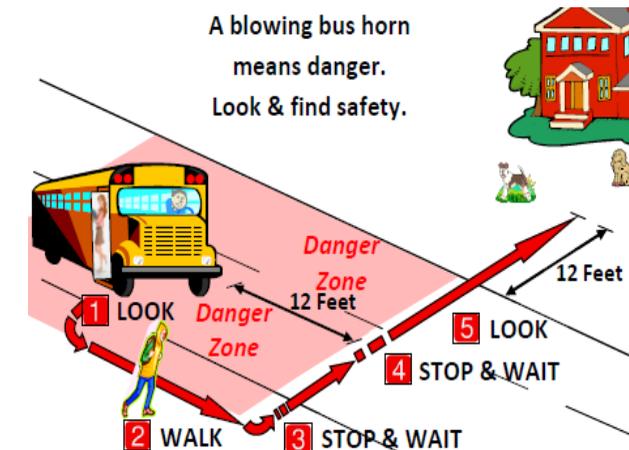
- **STAY** on your side of the road, 12 feet away from traffic where possible.
- **WAIT** for the bus to stop and the stop arm to extend. Wait for your bus driver's signal before you begin to cross. When you get to the edge of the road...**STOP**
- **STOP** walking before stepping into the roadway and **LOOK** both ways for moving traffic. If a car is moving, do not step into the road. When it is OK...**LOOK**
- **LOOK** for moving traffic both ways as you walk directly across the road.
- **CROSS** 12 feet in front of the bus in full view of your driver. Be careful in the danger zone and board the bus without delay.
- Use the handrail and go directly to your seat.
- Remember, if the bus driver sees danger, they will use their horn to signal danger.

UNLOADING ON DOOR SIDE



- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Wait in the aisle until the bus driver tells you it is OK to begin to exit.
- When you are on the steps, **LOOK** for moving traffic in all directions, especially to your right, before you leave the bus. Cars sometimes pass the bus on the right side. When it is OK, continue to...**LOOK**
- **LOOK** both ways for moving traffic as you...**WALK**
- **WALK** straight away from the bus, in full view of your driver. Keep walking until you get out of the danger zone, 12 feet away from the bus.
- If you hear the bus horn blowing, it's a warning signal! Find the danger and move away!

UNLOADING ACROSS THE ROAD



- Remain seated until the bus stops and wait in the aisle until the driver's "OK" to begin to exit.
- While still on the steps **LOOK** for moving cars in all directions, especially the right, before you step off the bus.
- **WALK** straight away from the right, front of the bus in full view of your driver, going past the end of the bus crossing gate. Be very careful in the danger zone!
- **STOP** and face the center of the road. **WAIT** for your bus driver to signal when it is safe to begin to cross. Then look for moving cars as you walk to the center of the road.
- **STOP** there and **WAIT** again for your driver's 2nd signal that it is safe to finish crossing.
- Continue to **LOOK** for moving traffic as you promptly cross and exit 12 feet off the road.
- A blowing horn means danger. Look for the danger and move away.