

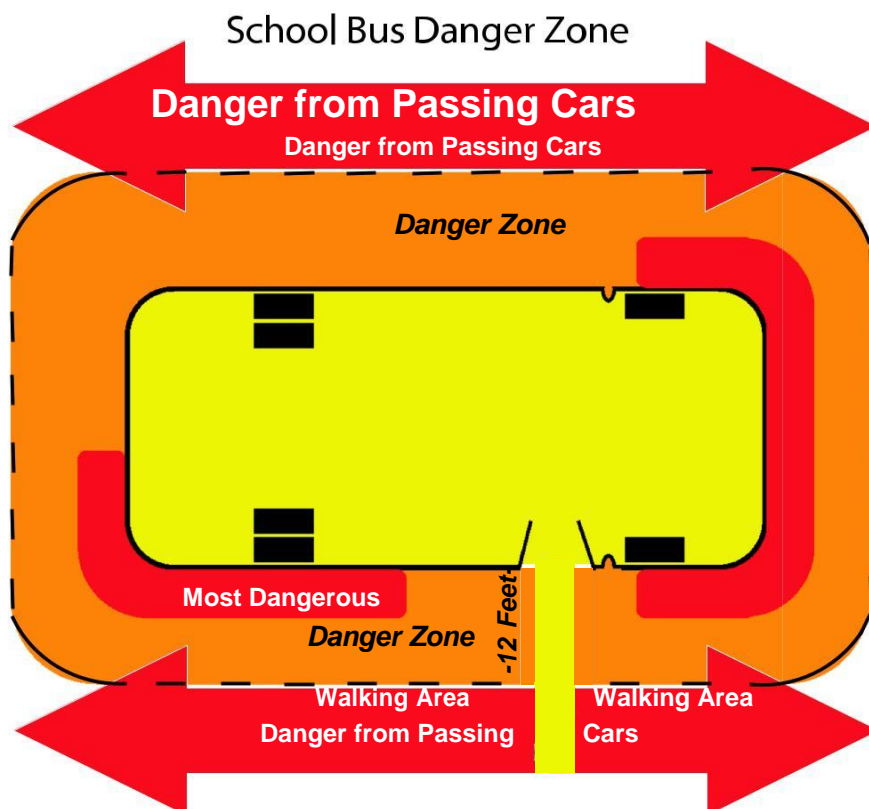


**REDFLEX**  
**STUDENTGUARDIAN™**  
Safeguarding Your Children

New Milford Schools and Redflex Student Guardian partner to

## **KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AT THE BUS STOP**

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early.
- Have all items in your book bag.
- Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds when boarding.
- Wait at the bus stop in a safe place, 12 feet away from the road.
- Wait in an orderly group.
- Stay on your side of the road until the bus comes.
- Only load at your assigned bus stop.



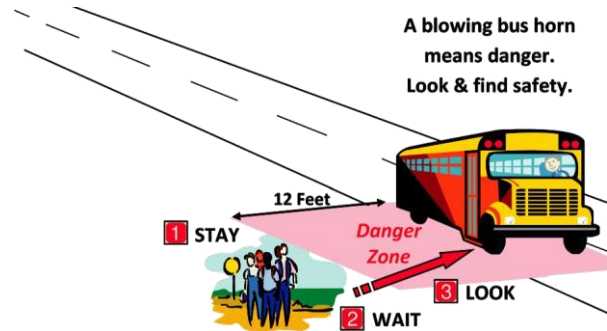
### **THE SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONE**

The Danger Zone is the 12 foot area that surrounds a stopped school bus where the bus driver might not see you or where cars might be moving when you are getting on and off the school bus.

- When outside a school bus, remember if you can see the bus driver, the bus driver can see you.
- **NEVER** return to the bus after unloading.
- Leave any object dropped or forgotten, and get out of the danger zone.
- Gain the bus driver's attention by waving your hands and arms above your head.
- Wait for the driver to see you and give you instructions before returning to the bus or before picking up anything dropped.
- **If you do not get the bus driver's attention, you should not return to the bus.**
- Always be aware that cars may not stop for the bus as required. Keep a watchful eye on all moving traffic around a school bus.
- If you hear the bus horn, it means **DANGER**. Look for passing motorists and seek safety.

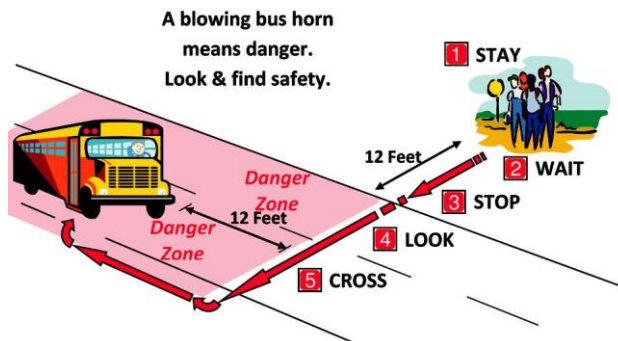
## LOADING THE SCHOOL BUS

- Wait 12 feet off the road, wait for the bus to stop, the door to open and the red lights to be activated.
- Look to be sure all cars have stopped before walking towards the bus.



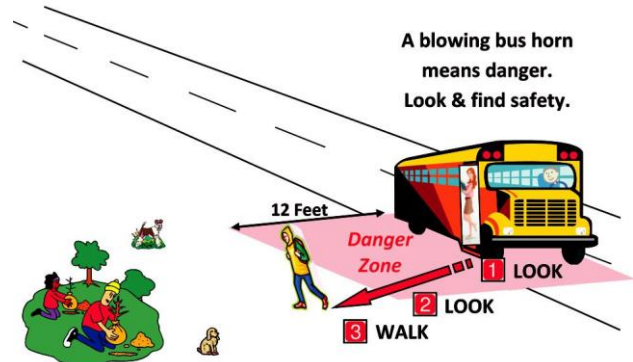
## CROSSING STREET TO LOAD SCHOOL BUS

- Wait 12 feet off the road, wait for the bus to stop, the door to open and the red lights to be activated.
- Wait for the driver's signal to cross.
- Look for moving cars as you walk to the edge of the road.
- Be sure all cars have come to a stop before entering the road and continue to watch for approaching cars as you cross the road.
- Cross 12 feet in front of the bus. Make sure you can see the bus driver, and they can see you.
- Stay alert for moving traffic.



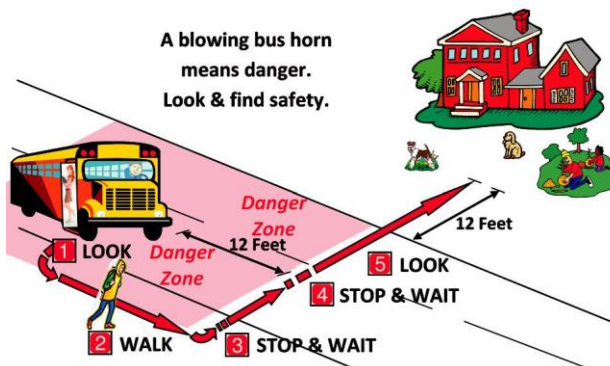
## UNLOADING THE SCHOOL BUS

- Exit your bus only at your assigned stop.
- Remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
- Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds until safely unloaded and 12 feet off the roadway.
- Wait for your bus driver's signal to unload.
- When exiting the bus, make sure everything is in your book bag and all straps are secured so they will not be caught on handrails or in the door.
- Look for cars in both directions before stepping off the bus.
- Exit in full view of the driver. Keep walking until you are out of the Danger Zone (12 feet away from the bus).



## CROSSING STREET TO UNLOAD SCHOOL BUS

- Walk in a straight line away from the right front of the bus, in the bus driver's full view.
- Wait for the driver's signal that it is safe to cross at the end of the crossing gate and **AGAIN** at the center of the road.
- Be alert and aware of moving traffic. Do not enter the road until all cars are stopped.
- **NEVER** cross behind the bus.



For additional bus stop safety information please visit:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Finance-and-Business-Operations/Pupil-Transportation/Pages/School-Bus-Safety.aspx>