



SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL BUS

Every year, students in School District No. 51 travel approximately 1,000,000 kilometers on our school buses. School buses are recognized as the safest mode of transportation available. School District No. 51 drivers have an impressive safety record. We believe this is achieved because:

- The cooperation and safety awareness of our students is a great help to our drivers.
- School District No. 51 drivers are very professional and committed to the safe transportation of students.

There are ongoing safety and awareness programs for our drivers and students.

The following is included as a reminder of the Safety Rules while using the School District No. 51 transportation system.

Going to the Bus Stop

- Stay alert to any signs of danger.
- Leave early enough to avoid rushing or running to the stop—be there five minutes before regular bus arrival time.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Whenever possible, walk with others from your school.
- Avoid walking in the street/road. If you must, then stay as close as you can to the curb or edge of the road.
- Obey all traffic lights, signals or signs.
- Cross roads only at intersections, using crosswalks where possible.
- Look both ways before crossing.

While Waiting for the Bus

- Stay off the road or street while at the stop.
- Avoid horseplay—this could accidentally push someone out into oncoming traffic.
- Look out for fellow students who are younger.

Boarding the Bus

- Stay clear of the road edge until the bus stops.
- Come up to the bus only when it is stopped and the door is opened.
- Please remove your pack before entering the bus.
- Enter the bus in single file, without pushing.
- Drawstrings, ties, straps and backpacks can get caught on bus doors, railings or items in the aisle. Please be extra careful about this.
- Use the handrail at the bus stairs.
- Say good morning to the driver to get his/her attention so they know you're on the bus—a smile goes a long way too.
- Take your seat quickly and sit facing forward.

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Riding the Bus

- Always obey school bus rules. Remain seated throughout the ride.
- Keep your hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times. Help keep the bus neat and clean.
- Keep your belongings out of the aisle-way.
- Keep all items away from and access clear to, emergency exits.
- Be courteous to the driver and other riders—help younger fellow students.
- Listen to any directions the driver gives you.
- Avoid any noises or gestures that could distract the driver or annoy others.

Leaving the Bus

- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Use the handrail as you get off the bus.
- Never walk behind a school bus.
- Keep in view of the driver at all times until the bus leaves. If you cannot see the driver, then the driver probably cannot see you. Take five giant steps away from the bus and you should be able to see the driver and the driver should be able to see you.
- Keep away from the bus and keep from bending down near or under the bus.
- If you need to cross the road, wait for the driver to signal that it is safe and then cross in front of the bus. Make sure the driver knows you are there before you cross!
- Look both ways before crossing the road at any time.
- Never chase the bus for any reason—even if you have forgotten something.

With your help and cooperation, we will continue to enjoy a safe transportation system.

