

## SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONE

- ◆ Always walk in front of the bus if you need to cross the road—The driver can't see you behind the bus.
- ◆ Always wait for the driver to signal you to cross, and look for other cars and bikes before crossing.
- ◆ Never stop to pick something up near the bus, even if you dropped it—Ask the driver or teacher to help you.
- ◆ Stay away from the **DANGER ZONE** until it's time to get on or off the bus.
- ◆ Do not walk between parked buses or play around them.

## YOUR BUS DRIVER

Your bus driver has a very important job. How can you make the driver feel special?

- ◆ Say "good morning" and "thank you". Everyone likes to feel appreciated.
- ◆ Be kind and respectful to the driver, and to others on the bus.
- ◆ Follow the safety rules.
- ◆ When the driver says, "Stop, look and listen!", you need to be quiet and follow their instructions.
- ◆ The bus driver is there for you. Let them know if you feel sick, you are hurt, or you need help with something.

## MORE SAFETY RULES AND TIPS

- ◆ If you feel hot, ask the driver to open the window, and keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times.
- ◆ Don't throw stuff inside the bus, or out the window—You could hurt someone.

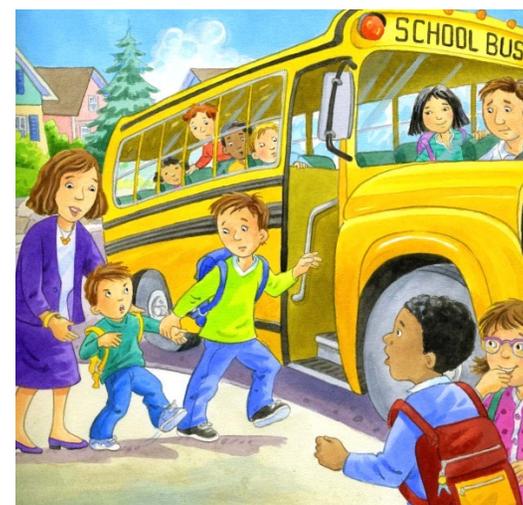
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# School Bus Safety

## Student Responsibility



Ottawa Student Transportation Authority:  
[www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca)  
Ottawa Catholic School Board:  
[www.ocsb.ca](http://www.ocsb.ca)  
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board:  
[www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca)



**D**id you know that school bus safety is **EVERY** bus rider's responsibility?

You can help the bus driver get everyone to and from school safely, simply by following these bus safety rules.

## WAITING AT THE STOP AND GETTING ON THE BUS

- ◆ Stand away from the road on the



sidewalk, grassy area or nearby driveway until the bus arrives.

- ◆ Stay off snow banks to avoid sliding underneath the bus.
- ◆ Board the bus in a single file, without pushing, and hold the handrail.
- ◆ If you must cross the road to get on the bus, **wait** until the bus has stopped; **look** both ways to make sure all the cars have stopped, too; **look** at the driver and **wait** for the signal to cross; **stay** well in front of the bus so the driver can see you... **WALK, don't run!**



## BUS RIDER RAP

I sit on the seat  
With my feet in the gap  
My back is on the back  
And my backpack's on my lap



- ◆ **There is no eating or drinking allowed on the bus.**
- ◆ **Use a quiet indoor voice—Loud screaming and yelling are distracting for the driver.**



## GETTING OFF THE BUS

- ◆ Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- ◆ Walk to the front of the bus and hold the handrail to get down the stairs.
- ◆ Only get off at your own stop. If you are not sure where your stop is, ask the driver.
- ◆ Once you get off the bus, walk straight to the shoulder of the road or sidewalk. Remember the **Danger Zone.**



- ◆ If you need to cross the road after you get off, **take 10 big steps** along the curb to the front of the bus; **look** both ways to make sure all the cars have stopped; **look** at the driver and **wait** for the signal to cross; **stay** well in front of the bus so the driver can see you... **WALK, don't run!**