

Tips For Parents

1. Check your child's clothing for loose drawstrings or other items that might become caught in handrails, such as scarves, belts sashes and other loose clothing. If necessary, remove loose drawstrings. Check your child's backpack for any key chains and other dangling objects that might get caught in a door or handrail. Backpacks should fit snugly against your child's body.

2. Too often children run back to the bus because they have forgotten or dropped something. They think they will be scolded for losing it. Assure your child that you won't be upset if he or she doesn't retrieve a jacket or backpack left on the bus or schoolwork dropped under a wheel. Unfortunately, the bus driver may not see them and they may be severely injured.

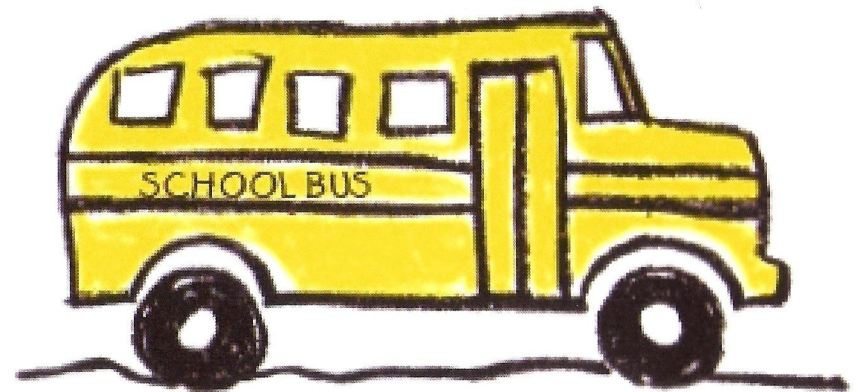
3. Make a point of meeting your child's school bus driver. Make sure that your child carries a "contact in case of emergency" card with information about allergies and medications.

4. Arrive five minutes before the bus is supposed to get there. Many children are injured as they run to catch up with a moving school bus.

5. If your child has to meet the bus in the morning when it is dark or if your child comes home at dusk, have your child wear bright or reflective clothing.

6. Yellow raincoats have a tendency to blend in with the yellow school bus, making it hard for motorists to see your child. We recommend you purchase a raincoat in a color other than yellow.

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