

School Bus Homework

Reviewing these ten school bus safety tips could save your child's life!

1. Get to the bus stop in plenty of time.

It is very easy to trip and fall on the road when you are hurrying to catch a bus.

2. Behave yourself at the bus stop.

You won't be completely safe from traffic unless you stand back from the curb, and don't push or wrestle with your friends. Wait quietly and lineup when the bus comes.

3. Make sure the bus is stopped before you try to get on.

There is up to five tons of school bus rolling down the road toward you and we don't want you slipping under the wheels. After the bus stops and the door opens, take hold of the handrail and get onto the bus. Take care, it's a big step.

4. Go right to your seat and sit quietly.

The driver can't keep asking a bus full of students to behave and still be able to concentrate on driving the bus safely at the same time. Pretend you're out with your parents, driving in the car, and make them proud of you.

5. Obey the bus driver as you obey your parents.

Your bus driver is just as concerned with your safety as your parents are. When the driver asks you to do something or to stop doing something, don't talk back or make a fuss. There's a good reason for it.

6. Take ten steps forward from the front of the bus before you turn to cross the road.

The bus is so big that the driver can't see you properly at the very front of the bus. An easy way to remember is: if you can see the driver, then the driver can see you. Keep this in mind if you have to cross the street to get on the bus, too.

7. Watch the driver to see when to cross the road.

The driver has a good view of the road from the drivers' seat in the bus, and can wave you across when there are no cars coming. If you have a safety patroller, follow your patroller's directions.

8. You are more important than your jacket or a test paper.

Never, ever, run behind or in front of the school bus to pick up something that you dropped or forgot.

9. Go right home.

We know you can hardly wait to play after a day at school, but we'd rather have you playing at home where you are safe, than playing out in the street.

10. If you have a problem, tell your parents or the bus driver.

It is okay to tell on someone who is bothering you at the bus stop or while you're on the school bus. We can only help you if we know if something is wrong. Do not be afraid to speak up and to ask questions.

