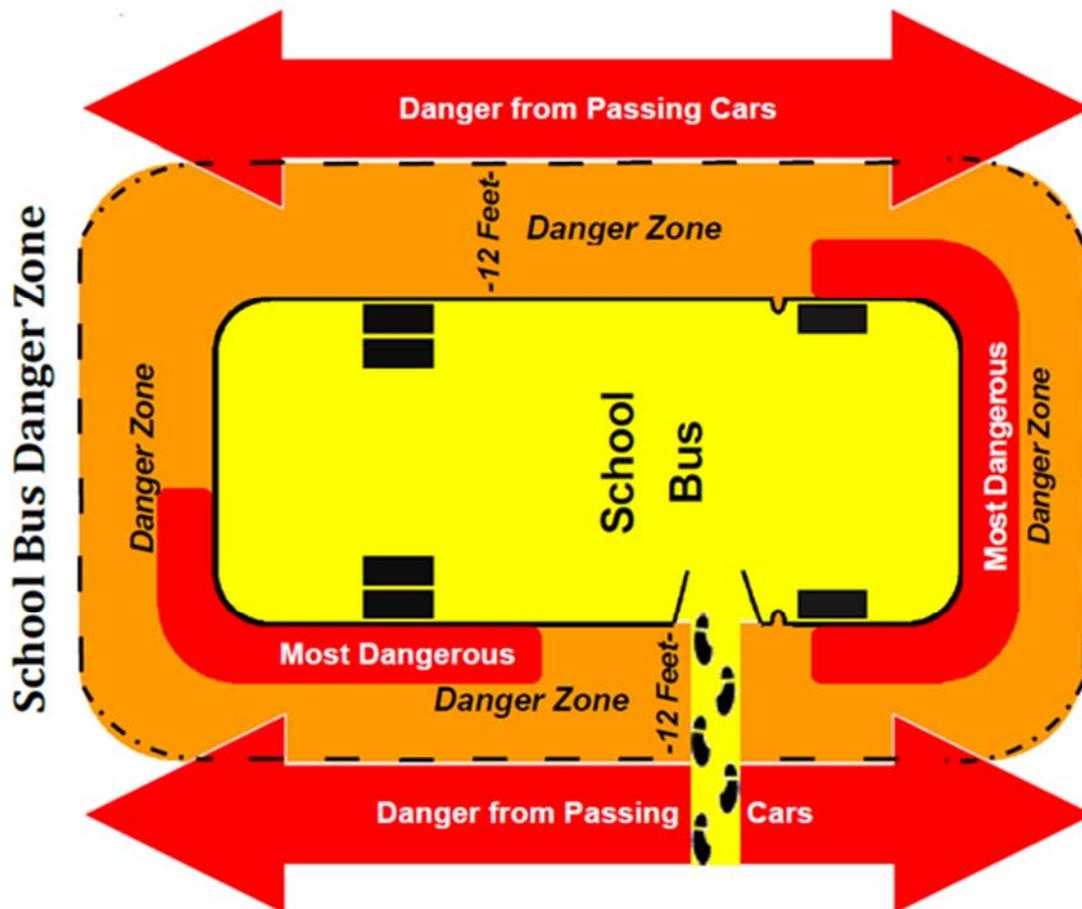


## **BUS SAFETY TIPS/BUS EXPECTATIONS**

1. Be at your bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled time.
2. Wait in LINE for the school bus and NEVER play in or close to the street. Stand back from the edge of the curb and on busy streets stay back from the stop until the bus is there and has stopped the traffic.
3. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and then enter in a single file using the handrail.
4. Always find a seat quickly and STAY SEATED. Do NOT stand in the bus. Also, share your seat — don't place your belongings on the seat to prevent a child from being able to sit next to you.
5. Talk QUIETLY and do not eat or drink on the bus. Always take your trash with you and throw it away. Do not leave it on the bus.
6. Keep the aisles clear.
7. Listen to your bus driver.
8. Never put your head or arms out the window.
9. Know where the emergency exits are and do NOT play with them.
10. Never throw things while on the bus.
11. Wait for the bus to stop completely before leaving your seat and then exit in a single file line.
12. Walk a safe distance away from the bus so the driver can see you and know that you are out of danger.
13. If you must cross in front of the bus, make sure the driver can see you. Wait for the driver's signal to cross. Look both ways and cross the street carefully. DO NOT RUN! Keep in mind that even though motorists are SUPPOSED to stop, they often don't.
14. Do NOT EVER bend down to pick up anything in front, behind or under the bus.
15. NEVER cross the street behind the bus.
16. The driver is in charge of the students and the bus. Students must obey the driver at all times.
17. Students must exercise orderly conduct while on the bus. Loud noise and offensive language is prohibited.

18. Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted on the bus at any time.
19. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited while the bus is in motion.
20. Any person responsible for damage must pay for damage to the bus.
21. Unauthorized passengers are not permitted on the bus at any time.
22. ALL buses are equipped with three video cameras which record both visual and audio. These tapes are reviewed periodically as well as when a problem occurs on the bus.

## BUS DANGER ZONES



Most school bus incidents occur when children disembark from the bus and disappear from the driver's view.

The MOST dangerous area for children is the School Bus Danger Zone that extends 10 feet from the bus in all directions. When leaving the bus, children should walk 10 feet away from the bus before turning.

Children crossing in front of the bus should move forward away from the bus until they can make eye contact with the driver. They should never cross without the driver's permission.

If your student misses the bus, return home and get help or phone for assistance.

- NEVER chase after the bus.
- NEVER walk to another bus stop.
- NEVER allow your parents to drive you to another bus stop.

Your bus driver will not be expecting you.

## Bus Safety Tips

It's that time again - back to school! Summer is winding down and now is the perfect time to brush up on these back to school bus safety tips.

- **Watch the "danger zone" 10 feet behind, in front, or on either side of the bus.** When picking up or dropping off kids, make sure children are away from the bus before moving and especially if reversing.
- **Be cautious of kids in neighborhoods.** This is especially true if the streets have no sidewalks or are lined with trees and bushes.
- **Look for kids running up to the bus when they are late.** They might run out unexpectedly and not be aware of traffic.
- **School bus seats are designed to protect the passenger when seated properly.** Ensure kids are seated when the bus is in motion.
- **Make sure children are not** reaching out of or dangling anything from the windows.
- **Let children know** to not rush back to the bus if they forgot something.

Keeping these tips in mind will ensure a safe and happy school year for everyone.