

Blytheville School District
Transportation Department
School Bus Safety Tips for Parents

Getting Ready for School

- Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so they won't drop things along the way.
- Have them wear bright, contrasting colors so they can be more easily seen by drivers.
- Make sure they leave home in time to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus arrives.
- Running toward the bus stop can be dangerous
- Make sure not to wear loose clothing, Straps and drawstrings can get caught on the bus.
- Drawstrings or straps can snag and cause you to fall.
- **Parents will be expected to screen their children prior to the children getting on the bus (do not send a child who is not feeling well or running a temperature to school)**

Waiting at the Bus Stop

- Make sure your child stands at least 10 feet (5 giant steps) from the road while waiting for the bus. Stand in a single file line. Have younger children practice taking 5 giant steps to become familiar with 10 feet.
- Don't run, play, or push others while waiting for the bus
- Don't go near the bus until it comes to a complete stop

Getting on and off the Bus

- Get on the bus single file. Never push or shove
- Use the handrail
- Find a seat and sit down as soon as you can
- When getting off the bus, walk quickly to the sidewalk and out of the Danger Zone.
- If you have to cross the street, walk in front of the bus-NEVER BEHIND!
- Before students cross, make sure they can see the bus driver's face.
- Wait for the driver's signal to cross
- Look both ways for traffic

Riding the Bus

- Students must stay in their seat
- Sit on your bottom & face the front
- Keep their school bag and other belongings out of the aisle
- Don't throw anything
- Never stick something out of the window, including their hands, head, or feet

