School Bus Safety Tips

Tips for Kindergarten students and their parents before the first bus ride

Kindergarten students must **ALWAYS** be met by a responsible adult at the stop.

Kindergartners will get off last.

Parents:

- Please show your kindergartner their bus stop before the first day of school. Point out landmarks and houses to help your student recognize their stop.
- Please do not crowd the door while the older students exit.
- Please meet your student near the bus door so the driver can see that a responsible adult has picked them up.

Safety Rules for **ALL** students to follow when waiting for the school bus:

- While at the bus stop, wait in a safe place away from the road. Do not stand, run, or play in the street.
- When the bus is coming, line up in a straight line, at least 3 giant steps back from the curb.
- Do not push or shove while waiting in line or getting on the bus.

Safety rules to follow when getting on the bus:

- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it is okay before stepping toward the bus.
- Stay in a straight line while getting on the bus.
- Hold on to the handrail when getting on the bus.

Safety rules to follow when riding the school bus:

- Do not put your hands, feet, or any other part of your body outside of the bus window.
- Sit with your feet in front of your seat.
- Do not yell, scream, or throw things; it could distract the driver.
Safety rules to follow when getting off the school bus:

- Make sure you walk (not run) three steps away from the door before you stop or turn.
- Do not pick up anything you drop near the bus. The driver may not see you. Instead, ask the driver for help.
- Stay away from the bus wheels at all times! The driver may not see you.

Parents:

- Please meet your younger students at the bus stop the first couple of days of school, at least until they are familiar with their stop and the walk home. Kindergarten students will **ALWAYS** need to be met by a responsible adult at the stop.
- Please wait on the same side of the street as the drop off, so your child does not have to cross the street without you.
- Please review these tips with your child before the first day of school.

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**LET'S ALL HAVE A SAFE BUS RIDE!**