

Transportation Highlights

Sitting in your seat will keep you safe – here is why:

Occupant crash protection in school buses is provided through a concept called compartmentalization. Compartmentalized buses are designed to protect passengers in the same way that a carton protects the eggs inside. The seats on a school bus are designed with padded, flexible, shock-absorbent backs which are tall enough to stop children from flying out of the compartment. These seats are made in accordance with strict federal guidelines, which regulate everything from the force they must withstand to the floor that they are attached to. For this compartment to protect students, the students must be completely seated fully in the seat and facing forward.



Rules for getting on the bus safely:

1. Please be at your pick-up stop five minutes prior to the arrival of their school bus. The buses are on a schedule and cannot wait for late students. Never run to or from the bus.
2. Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
3. Prior to crossing a street at an intersection: students should be alert. Look both ways. Look twice. Listen. If you think you hear a car, stop. Wait, listen, and look. Look again and then cross the street when you absolutely know it's safe.
4. In Rural Areas: In a situation where the flashing red stop lights are activated, students may cross in front of the bus. Students should cross in front of the bus at least five metres (15 feet) so that the driver can see them at all times. Students should await the driver's signal indicating it is safe before crossing. Before crossing, students should look both ways before stepping onto the roadway and continue to watch for traffic. Never cross behind the bus. Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.
5. Always keep a safe distance around the school bus. The danger zone is the area where the driver cannot see or has limited vision. This danger zone includes a minimum of three meters all the way around the bus. If you can touch the bus while standing outside, you are way too close. Move away from the bus where the driver can see you.
6. Hold the hand rail as you get on the bus. Don't push or shove.
7. Go directly to your seat. Remain seated.

