

Bus Safety Tips for Parents

Parents please take a moment to review this safety information with your children.

- If you drop-off or meet your child at the bus stop **ALWAYS** park on the same side of the street that the School Bus will stop.
- Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so they will not drop things along the way.
- Make sure they leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due. Running late can be dangerous.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior: Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street.
- If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic, and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.
- Do not let your child play running games or push and shove at the bus stop. It is dangerous near any traffic.
- Make sure your child stands at least 12 feet (six giant steps) from the road while waiting for the bus. The child will then be out of the way of traffic. Have younger children practice taking six giant steps to become familiar with 12 feet.
- Warn children that, if they drop something under or by the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions. If they bend over to pick up a dropped object, they might not be seen by the driver and could be hurt if the driver pulls away from the stop.
- Teach your children to secure loose drawstrings and other objects that may get caught in the handrail or door of the bus as they are exiting.
- Children should ride quietly, be courteous to the driver and the follow the driver's instructions.
- Children should remain quiet while the bus is stopped at all railroad crossings.
- Children should stay seated during the entire bus ride with their backpacks on there laps, always keeping the isle of the bus clear.
- "STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH" Always obey California State Law regarding the passing of a school bus while the red lights are flashing.

