

Recognition National School Bus Safety Week 10/18-10/22/2021 Resolution No. 3234

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Providing Safe School Bus Transportation to S.C.U.S.D. students since 1963



National School Bus Safety Week, held during the third full week of October each year, focuses on the importance of school bus safety.

The theme for 2021 is, "Be Safe; Know the Danger Zone."



School Bus Safest Transportation for School Children

• Tips for a Safe Ride:

 School buses are the safest way for students to travel. Nearly two-thirds of school bus-related fatalities of school-age children occur outside of the school bus. Children need to do their part to stay safe both in and around school buses. The <u>American School Bus Council</u> offers the following tips:

• At the Bus Stop:

- Arrive early at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive
- Stand 12 feet (about six giant steps) away from the curb while waiting for the bus
- Parents and older children at the stop should keep an eye on the young children

• Around the Bus:

- Remain on the curb until the driver is in the street with a stop sign in the air and directs you to cross. Always cross in front of the bus at least 10 feet (or five giant steps) listen to the drivers directions <u>and keep eye</u> <u>contact</u> with the driver at all times before crossing
- Never walk behind the bus
- If you drop something near the bus, do not pick it up; tell the bus driver instead

• Getting On/Off the Bus:

- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus or standing up on the bus
- Use the handrail
- Secure any loose or hanging objects like straps on a backpack or drawstrings on a hood

• Behavior on the Bus:

- Buckle up when seat belts are available
- Stay in your seat keeping head, arms and personal belongings inside the bus, and talk to your immediate neighbor quietly
- Keep aisles clear of extremities, books, bags and personal belongings











