

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Crossing the Street



FOR STUDENTS WHOSE BUS **USES** FLASHING RED LIGHTS AND WHO MUST CROSS THE STREET

In the morning, the student must:

- Wait for the bus on the same side of the street as their home, in a safe area.
- Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop, the stop arm is extended, and the red lights are flashing.
- Look carefully left and right and make sure that all vehicles have stopped before crossing.
- Begin crossing and walk in front of the bus that is waiting, only after the driver signals to do so.
- Cross without stopping or turning back toward home.

In the afternoon, when the student is dropped off at their stop, they must:

- Get off the bus and walk toward the front of the bus.
- Stop in front of the bus before crossing the street.
- Make sure the stop arm is extended and the red lights are flashing.
- Look carefully left and right and ensure that all vehicles have completely stopped.
- Begin crossing only after the driver signals and continue to check that vehicles do not start moving.
- Cross without stopping and do not turn back toward the bus.

FOR STUDENTS WHOSE BUS **DOES NOT USE** FLASHING RED LIGHTS AND WHO MUST CROSS THE STREET

In the morning, to get to their bus stop, the student must:

- Go to an intersection to cross the street.
- Look in all directions and cross only when it is safe to do so (after ensuring that all vehicles have come to a complete stop).
- Use the “point-pause-proceed” method: the student points their arm in front of them to signal their intention to cross, pauses to make sure all vehicles have stopped, and then proceeds to cross.
- Walk on the sidewalk to the designated area to wait for the bus within the safety zone.

In the afternoon, when the student is dropped off at their stop, they must:

- Move away from the bus and stand within the safety zone.
- Go to an intersection or crosswalk. Once the bus has left and is well clear of the intersection, check for other vehicles on the road and follow all safety rules before crossing.
- Look in all directions. Once all nearby vehicles have come to a complete stop, use the “point-pause-proceed” method to cross: the student points their arm in front of them to indicate they want to cross, pauses to make sure all vehicles have stopped, and then proceeds to cross the street.



Parents are responsible for ensuring their child's safety until the child boards the bus and from the moment they get off. Be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrives.