

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS



Turn your yellow lights on 150-300 feet before every stop. These lights tell waiting children and other motorists that you intend to stop.



Always stop the bus as close to the right side of the road as possible to prevent cars from sneaking on the right. If children must cross the street to get to a bus, stop 10 feet before the spot where the children have to cross.



After stopping, activate the flashing red lights and/or stop arm. Open the door fully when cars from both directions have stopped.



If children must cross the street to the bus, signal when it is safe for them to do so. Make sure each child crosses at least 10 feet in front of the bus and stays out of the dangers zones.



Signal when it is safe for children to board the bus. If children were standing closer than 6 feet to the side of the bus as it pulled up, remind them to stay out of the danger zone while waiting for the bus to stop.



Before you leave the bus stop, look for stragglers.



On the bus route home, activate the flashing yellow lights 150 -300 feet prior to each bus stop. Be alert for drawstrings and other loose items as each child exits the bus.



Any child that must cross the street should wait for you to signal that it is safe. Never permit a child to cross the street behind the bus.



Remind children that if they drop something near the bus, they are to tell you and follow your directions.