



# HOW TO BE YOUR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S SAFETY HERO!



A checklist for parents and kids to help stay safe while on the school bus.

## For Parents

Before getting on the bus:

- Remind your children to be courteous to their drivers and other children on the bus.
- Plan ahead for unwanted behavior. You can't control what your child will hear or see but you can work to equip and teach them how to ask someone to stop bad behavior.
- Check notifications, e-mail, texts, weather alerts, and local broadcasts to make sure you're up to date on any school-related news (closures, driver changes, etc.).
- Notify your school if your child has a schedule update -an appointment, vacation, or a sick day, or will be getting off a different stop so no one worries and officials can accommodate the change.
- Make sure your children wait in a safe, well-lit location at least six feet - or three giant steps - away from the curb. Remind them the bus stop is by a road and

## For Children

Before getting on the bus:

- Make sure you have everything you need for school or home (coats, umbrellas, permission slips, homework, books, phones/tablets, etc).
- Remind your parents what time your bus comes to the stop in the morning and afternoon-don't forget to tell them if there are any changes!
- Keep an eye out for traffic near the bus stop. Do not play on the road!
- Wait to approach the bus until it stops and the door opens.
- Wait until the bus driver or guard tells you it is safe before crossing the street.

While on the bus:

- Be nice to the driver, your friends and other students on the bus.
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