Do you know that school buses are one of the safest forms of transportation around? The greatest potential danger is not riding the bus but it’s actually getting on and off the bus.

A bus driver’s main concern is the safety of the children. To become a bus driver you must be a good driver, pass a test which allows you to get a special license and receive annual training on bus safety.

LET’S LEARN ABOUT SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONES AND OTHER IMPORTANT BUS SAFETY RULES!!!

* **YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS** indicates the bus is getting ready to stop and load or unload. This means cars need to slow down and get ready to stop.
* **RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNAL ARM** indicates the bus has stopped and children are getting on/off the bus. This tells motorists they need to stop their cars.
* **SIDE AND REAR VIEW MIRRORS** let the driver know what is going on around them. Cars may be approaching or kids may be walking to/from the bus.
* *Danger Zone (sides): Remember never walk close to the sides of a bus. Stay at least 3 giant steps away from the sides. You may be in the driver’s blind spot and if you are the driver can’t see you.*
* *Danger Zone (rear): Remember always cross in front of the bus and never cross behind a bus. You may be in the driver’s blind spot and if you are the driver can’t see you.*
* **CROSSING CONTROL ARM** is mounted on the front bumper and will swing out when the door is open. It is designed to keep children from walking too close to the front of the bus.
* *Danger Zone (front) Remember never walk to close to the front of the bus. Stay at least 5 giant steps away before crossing. The driver may be sitting up too high to see you.*
* **EMERGENCY EXIT** is located at the back of the bus. Let’s hope you never have to use them but if you do always listen to your driver for instructions.
* **WALKING AREA** around a bus is 3 or more giant steps away. When getting on/off the bus make sure you walk. Stay away from the bus wheels and watch out for cars!!!!

Important things to remember:

* Students should wait in a designated location for the school bus and face the bus as it approaches.
* Students should walk to the bus only when signaled by the driver to do so.
* Students need to board the bus slowly and use the handrails.
* Students must be seated facing forward after buckling (no legs in the aisle).
* Parents should take an active role with guiding their child to and from the bus.
* A bus monitor will meet the student/parent at the bus. A bus monitor can be staff, parent, on-call sub and/or volunteer.
* The bus monitor will ensure the student is in their seats and buckled properly.

Student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_