**KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AT THE BUS STOP**

* Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early.



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**Danger from Passing Cars**



* Have all items in your book bag.
* Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds when boarding.
* Wait at the bus stop in a safe place, 12 feet away from the road.
* Wait in an orderly group.
* Stay on your side of the road until the bus comes.
* Only load at your assigned bus stop.

# THE SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONE

The Danger Zone is the 12 foot area that surrounds a stopped school bus where the bus driver might not see you or where cars might be moving when you are getting on and off the school bus.

* When outside a school bus, remember if you can see the bus driver, the bus driver can see you.
* **NEVER** return to the bus after unloading.
* Leave any object dropped or forgotten, and get out of the danger zone.
* Gain the bus driver’s attention by waving your hands and arms above your head.
* Wait for the driver to see you and give you instructions before returning to the bus or before picking up anything dropped.
* **If you do not get the bus driver’s attention, you should not return to the bus.**
* Always be aware that cars may not stop for the bus as required. Keep a watchful eye on all moving traffic around a school bus.
* If you hear the bus horn, it means **DANGER**. Look for passing motorists and seek safety.

# LOADING THE SCHOOL BUS

* Wait 12 feet off the road, wait for the bus to stop, the door to open and the red lights to be activated.
* Look to be sure all cars have stopped before walking towards the bus.

# UNLOADING THE SCHOOL BUS

* Exit your bus only at your assigned stop.
* Remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
* Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds until safely unloaded and 12 feet off the roadway.
* Wait for your bus drivers signal to unload.
* When exiting the bus, make sure everything is in your book bag and all straps are secured so they will not be caught on handrails or in the door.
* Look for cars in both directions before stepping off the bus.
* Exit in full view of the driver. Keep walking until you are out of the Danger Zone (12 feet away from the bus).

# CROSSING STREET TO UNLOAD SCHOOL BUS

* Walk in a straight line away from the right front of the bus, in the bus driver’s full view.
* Wait for the driver’s signal that it is safe to cross at the end of the crossing gate and **AGAIN** at the center of the road.
* Be alert and aware of moving traffic. Do not enter the road until all cars are stopped.
* **NEVER** cross behind the bus.

**For additional bus stop safety information please visit:**

http://www.gadoe.org/Finance-and-Business-Operations/Pupil-Transportation/Pages/School-Bus-Safety.aspx