

Drivers, attendants, and monitors: give the following handout to parents and guardians during the first week of school, at kindergarten orientation programs, or as necessary throughout the year.

**YOUR SUPPORT FOR BUS STOP SAFETY RULES
HELPS US PROTECT YOUR CHILD!**

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP IMPROVE BUS STOP SAFETY

- Please have your child ready and at the bus stop at least five minutes early.
- If your child's not riding that day, a courtesy call is very much appreciated!
- Provide your child with a backpack to keep school items safely inside and reduce the chance of something dropping near or under the bus.
- Check your child's clothing for long drawstrings or other dangerous items that could get snagged in the bus door or in playground equipment. Long drawstrings are very dangerous.
- Provide brightly colored outerwear for your children whenever possible. Brightly-colored jackets and jackets with reflective tape make children more visible in low-light conditions.
- Insist on safe behavior at the bus stop - children should wait in an orderly fashion, safely back from the roadway. They shouldn't move toward the bus until it's come to a full stop and the driver signals it's safe.
- Reinforce safe loading and unloading behaviors - remind your child to wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street.
- Reinforce safe ridership - remind your child to not distract the bus driver. Driver distraction could cause an accident.

We Care About Your Child's Safety!

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