



Gonzales Independent School District

Bus Safety Tips for Students, Parents and Motorists

Safety Tips for Students

- Stand at least 10 feet back from your stop and do not approach your bus till it is fully stopped.
- It is a good practice to be 10 minutes early to your bus stop and never run after or next to a school bus.
- Keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times.
- Stay away from the Danger Zones. Areas within 10 feet to the front, back and sides of a bus are considered the most dangerous spots.
- If you drop something near the bus, never bend down or crawl under the bus to get it, ask your driver for help.
- If you must cross the street, always do so in front of the bus. Make eye contact with the bus driver before you cross. Make sure the red lights are flashing and proceed across street after looking both ways.
- Don't use your cell phone to call or text while walking around the bus.

Safety Tips for Parents

- If you drop off or pick up your child at school, do not park in a bus-only zone. It may cause a collision and adds unnecessary risk to the safety of kids walking through a danger zone area.
- Make sure your child gets to the bus on time. The beginning of the school year holds a greater risk of students rushing to make their bus, since many have to get up earlier than they're used to.
- Don't use your cell phone to call or text while walking around the bus.
- Check your child's clothing and backpack to make sure there are no loose drawstrings or long straps that could get caught in the handrail or bus door.

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Safety Tips for Motorists

- Vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop when the red lights are flashing. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction are also required to stop, unless the highway is divided into separate roadways.
- Never pass a school bus on the right side, where children enter or exit.
- Remember that buses must stop at all railroad crossings, whether a train is approaching or not.
- Stay back at least 10 feet from a school bus that has its red lights flashing.

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