

FOR KIDS!

THE SCHOOL BUS RULES!

1. Don't run outside the bus, don't walk behind the bus, and always stay 5 big steps away from the sides and front of the bus
2. Always stay in your seat, and keep your feet out of the aisle
3. Talk quietly with your friends, don't yell
4. Always listen to your driver, they will keep you safe

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School Transportation • Shuttle Service

For Parents:

Why should your children ride the bus?

1. It is the safest form of transportation!

School buses are the safest vehicle on the road! Due to a combination of factors, your kids are about 50x more likely to arrive to school safely when riding on the school bus rather than a standard car. School buses are built like egg cartons: with a method called “compartmentalization.” The staggered seating and high, sturdy back supports keep your kids safe by absorbing energy in case of a collision. In the rare chance of a collision, a school bus distributes crash force differently, and delivers much less force to passengers than standard vehicles.

2. Your kids are in good hands!

School bus drivers love your kids and care about the safety of every student they transport. They are trained professionals who put a lot of effort and passion into their careers. All school bus drivers undergo 4 different background checks, take part in at least 20 hours of school bus-specific instruction, pass four extensive knowledge tests, and pass on the road driving tests. Drivers must refresh their knowledge every 4 years with at least 10 hours of training to ensure that your kids are always in good hands.

3. Buses keep cars off the road!

Every individual school bus replaces around 36 cars on the road, which collectively keeps 17 million cars off the road every day. This means a lot less traffic on the road in the mornings and afternoons, so everyone has a safer and easier commute! Congestion around and in school zones is a problem in most school districts; this problem can be eliminated the more kids ride their school buses!

4. Buses are more environmentally friendly!

Going off of our last point, school buses keep many cars off the road, which prevents needless carbon emissions. Without buses, the average family car would drive an extra 3,900 miles annually to drop off students at school. Collectively, buses prevent 62,399,998,800 miles from being driven by family cars, saving 3 billion gallons of gas. Plus, when your kids ride the bus, you can save the money you would have spent on gas! Recent advancements in diesel technology have made it so diesel emissions are 90% cleaner at the tailpipe than they were 10 years ago, so buses are becoming greener and greener every day!

How can you help ensure their safety?

1. Have your kids ride the bus!

As we pointed out before, school buses are by far the safest form of transportation for your kids to get to and from school. Your first step in ensuring their safety is by understanding the benefits of the school bus and having your child ride it!

2. Make sure your children know the rules!

On the flip side of this sheet, there are a few simple rules designed to keep kids safer on the bus. Be sure to go over these with your children before their first bus ride. Also, teach them about the danger zone; make sure they stay five giant steps away from the front and sides of the bus at all times and never walk behind the bus.

3. Meet the bus and be on time!

Coordinate with other parents to make sure there is an adult waiting at the bus stop every day, especially with children under ten years old. Always make sure your kids are at the bus stop 5 minutes early to ensure nobody is rushing around. When meeting the bus after school, wait on the same side of the street as the kids will exit the bus on, so they don't have to cross the road alone. If you or another adult can't be there, make sure the kids know to look both ways before crossing the road.

If you are interested in driving a bus or van, please call Rohrer Bus at (717) 957-3811 or visit www.rohrerbus.com/drive.