



The GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School Bus Safety Information - Preparing your Kindergarten Child to Ride the School Bus

Riding the school bus is a new and exciting experience for children entering kindergarten. The following important information will help you prepare your child for a safe ride on the school bus.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Kindergarten children are picked up and dropped off at assigned bus stops
- Your child will be riding to school with students in K – 5th grade from their school

AT THE BUS STOP

- Families are solely responsible for the safety and supervision of their children to and from the designated bus stops and while students wait for the bus
- Parents or guardians of kindergarten children shall meet and receive their children at the bus stop. Children not met by their parent or guardian will be returned to their school building

SPECIAL SAFETY PROCEDURES

The following safeguards will assist kindergarten students during the first few weeks of school:

Name Tags – The school will issue name tags to kindergarten students identifying their school, an assigned bus color, and address. This ensures children get off the bus at the right location. Please make sure your child wears his or her name tag during the first few weeks of school.

Bus Color – Your child will be assigned a bus color. The color will be found on either side of the school bus.

Bus Stops – During the first few weeks of school, bus drivers will be helping the children learn where their bus stop is located. As the school year progresses, your child will then be responsible for remembering when and where they get off of the bus.

Our Mission is for all Students to be Successful, Engaged, Lifelong Learners

TIPS TO HELP MAKE YOUR CHILD'S BUS RIDE SAFE

You can help keep your child safe on the bus by sharing the following tips with them:

At the bus stop

- Stay back from the road – At least 20 giant steps
- Wait quietly in line when getting on and off the bus
- Stay back until the bus stops – The driver will open the door when it is safe to approach the bus
- Get in and off the bus one at a time - Please no pushing or shoving
- If your child will be crossing the street to get on or off a bus, the driver will signal before crossing the street
- Before crossing the street, look both ways for traffic and other potential hazards

On the bus

- Sit properly in the seat
- Talk quietly
- Stay in the seat – Never stand or move from seat to seat when the bus is moving
- Listen to your bus driver and always do as they say
- Do not throw objects around inside the bus

When leaving the bus

- Stay out of the Danger Zone – The area 10 feet all around the bus that is the most dangerous
- Please Walk – Never run near the bus