

No. 810-AR

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Bus Safety Guidelines and Tips for Parents and Students

- Get to the bus stop at least ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping on to the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you can see the bus driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings, and book bags with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- Never push when getting on or off the school bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- Do not ask a bus driver if you can ride a bus that you are not assigned to. That puts the driver and you in an uncomfortable situation.
- Students are only permitted to get on and off the bus at the bus stop designated by the district. This is the student's primary residence.
- Walk at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.
- When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.
- If your school bus crosses railroad tracks, be calm and quiet so that your driver can listen for a train. Always obey your school bus driver's instructions, so that he or she can make safe decisions.
- Never play with the emergency exits. No item carried on by student shall block the aisle or any emergency exit. Backpacks must be either placed on the students lap or on the floor directly in front of the student's seat. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.
- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into the car with a stranger.