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Bus Stop Safety

FOR PARENTS

Safety Starts at the Bus Stop

Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least five to ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Visit the bus stop and show your child where to wait for the bus: at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the curb. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play.

Get On and Off Safely

When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before approaching the bus door. Your child should use handrails to avoid falling.

Use Caution Near the Bus

Please remind your child that they should never walk behind a school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell him/her to walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street to a place at least five giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus before crossing. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to make sure the driver can see him/her. If your child drops something near the school bus, like a ball or book, the safest thing is for your child to tell the bus driver right away. Your child should not try to pick up the item, because the driver might not be able to see him/her.

Drop Off Procedure

Please discuss with your child who should be at the bus stop to pick them up daily. Your child will not be dismissed from the bus if there is not a parent, guardian, sibling or other approved person at their designated stop. If there is no one at the stop, your child will be taken to the Central Registration office at 500 Line St., Berwick PA 18603, where we will work to contact you.

If your child does not get off of the bus, please call your child's school to check and consider the following possibilities:

- Did they attend school today?
- Did they go home ill from the nurse's office?
- Are they at an after-school program on certain days of the week?
- Was there a recent change in routine after school that would change the drop-off procedure?
- Was there miscommunication between the parents/guardians? In today's busy world, miscommunication happens often and it happens to us all.

- Kindergarten students are commonly known for falling asleep, forgetting their stop or getting distracted, causing them to miss their stop. Once a driver is aware of a student that has been “missed”, they will contact the bus contractor and we are notified so that we can make contact with parents/guardians.

Together, we can work toward making your child’s busing experience an enjoyable part of their school day.