

ANTHONY WAYNE NEWS

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

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BUS BASICS ***Ways to Stay Safe!***

Daily across the state we see parents who attempt to catch up to a bus in their automobile, and then have their child run to catch their school bus from behind. Many of our drivers and us have seen this dangerous practice happen time and time again. Unfortunately, this creates extreme risk for the student – it places them in a situation where the bus driver has no chance of seeing either the automobile or the student as they run along the side of the bus. Students should **never** run to catch a bus, especially from behind, or from a car that has pulled up behind a bus. It would be far safer for the parent to transport the student to their school building or to a bus stop at which the bus has not yet arrived.

As the school year draws to a close, **please** remind students to follow the simple safety rules outlined below:

On the way to the bus:

- ✓ *Be alert and arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes early.*
- ✓ *Always obey all traffic lights and signals.*
- ✓ *Plan to walk with schoolmates whenever possible, facing the traffic.*
- ✓ *When crossing streets, always cross at crosswalks and intersections.*
- ✓ *Look both ways before crossing the street.*

At the bus stop:

- ✓ *Stand back from the curb.*
- ✓ *Don't push or shove when entering or exiting the bus and always use the steps and handrail.*
- ✓ *Always obey the bus driver and wait for the driver's signal before crossing.*
- ✓ *Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the school bus.*
- ✓ *Never, never crawl under the bus.*

When riding the bus:

- ✓ *Take your seat quietly and quickly, remain seated when the bus is moving and don't get out of your seat when the bus is moving.*
- ✓ *Keep your feet on the floor and never ever extend your hands, arms, head or any object out the window of a bus.*
- ✓ *Talk in quiet voice, be courteous to the driver and schoolmates, and try not to distract the driver through misbehavior.*

Thank You and Have a Great Summer!