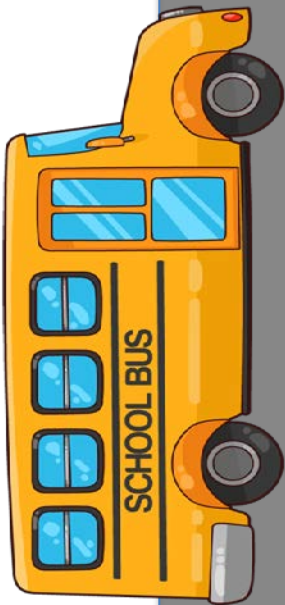


## Student Safety Topic: School Bus Safety



### Why It's Important:

- Number of students who ride school buses in Arkansas: 350,000
- Number of illegal bus passings in one day: 706 buses
- The Law: Isaac's Law (Act 2128) increased the fines, penalties and punishment for anyone found guilty of illegally passing a stopped school bus.

### Prepare Your Child/Student:

- Walk 10 feet in front of a school bus to make sure the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before entering the street.
- Look both ways before stepping onto the street.
- Stay away from the back wheels of the bus.
- Don't horseplay while waiting for the bus.
- Form the line away from the street and oncoming traffic.
- Wait for the door to open before approaching the bus.
- Use handrails to enter/exit the bus.

### Remember:

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## College & Career Readiness Topic: Setting Goals

### Where to Start

What are your goals?

Start by talking with your child/student about why it is important to set goals. Identify some short-term goals for the school year, making sure the goals are realistic and can be accomplished within the timeframe discussed. Success the first time will help when setting future goals. Once identified, write down the goals and list why they are important.

### Make a Plan



In addition to setting a timeline, define the small steps it will take to reach each goal. Use visuals such as graphs or charts that easily show progress. Talk about the progress being made along the way, and encourage your child/student to do his/her best. Don't forget to regularly review why the goals are important, and be sure to offer assistance and support if progress slows.

### Celebrate Successes



Every achievement deserves to be celebrated. Celebrating success reaffirms how important it is to set goals. Celebrations don't have to cost money; hand-written notes, group applause, a picture on the wall, etc. are all cost-effective ways you can celebrate successes. The most important part? Be sure to let your child/student know how proud you are of him/her!

### Start the Conversation...

- What goals should my child/my student set for this school year?
- What activities can help my child/my student reach those goals?
- How will progress be measured, communicated and celebrated?
- What school bus safety tips should I share with my child/my student?
- As a motorist, what can I do to ensure safety for all students?
- What information about the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. campaign can I share with others?

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