

SAFETY & THE BIG YELLOW BUS

If your child is new to riding the bus, or if you're not sure he or she knows the safety rules, walk them through the steps. Teach them how to get to and from the bus stop as well as on and off the bus; also explain what's expected of them as they ride the bus.

WAITING FOR THE BUS

- Be at the bus stop on time.
- Stand well away from the curb; wait quietly for the bus.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding.
- Don't crowd your friends getting on or off the bus; board and exit one at a time.
- Never play or stand in the aisles; find a seat and sit down.

RIDING ON THE BUS

- Stay in your seat.
- Don't stick anything out the windows.
- Listen to the bus driver and monitor; follow their directions.
- Talk quietly with your friends.
- Don't throw things on the bus.

GETTING ON, OFF, AND AROUND THE BUS

- Avoid the Danger Zone, because it's difficult for the driver to see you in this area.
- Take 10 gaint steps beyond the front bumper of the bus before you turn to cross the street. This lets the driver maintain eye contact with you while you cross.
- Look both ways before crossing a street, and wait for driver's signal.
- NEVER cross the street behind the bus!
- Keep away from the bus if you drop or forget something.