

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Transportation Department at Wasatch County School District does everything within our power to ensure the safe transport of your children to and from school. In order to provide this service we choose the best possible drivers and equipment within accessible resources and incorporate the most comprehensive training available.

Although we make every effort to ensure the safety of students on the bus and at the bus stop there are situations that require your assistance and participation in order to ensure the safety of your children when walking to and from the bus stop. Sometimes, children can be exposed to a dangerous situation because of their own or others behaviors.

For example, your child will not be safe if he or she runs in the street without looking for cars or if he or she plays in the street while waiting for the bus to arrive. In both situations your child is vulnerable and in danger of being hit by a passing motorist. Other situations such as reduced visibility caused by dark clothes, weather, delivery trucks, construction vehicles or trash removal trucks, and the like may also endanger your child. In all these situations, it is essential that you review with your child your expectations regarding safety and behavior.

When walking to the bus stop or to school, please remind your child to follow a few basic safety tips:

- Cross streets at the corners whenever possible.
- Use crosswalks whenever possible.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Look both ways before crossing the street by using the “Look left, right and left again” approach.
- Stay on the sidewalk.

Here are a few safety tips for the children at the bus stop:

- Stay on the sidewalk and don't play in the street.
- Stay back from the curb as the bus approaches.
- Always cross the street in front of the bus.
- Always wait for the driver to signal you to cross the street or enter the bus.
- When you get off the bus, move away from the bus.
- If you bring your children to the bus in a car, park your car so your children will approach the bus from the front. Never allow your children to approach the bus from the rear.

With your assistance and cooperation, together we can make every effort to ensure the safety of your children while they ride the bus and as they walk to and from the bus stop.

Sincerely,

Kris Allen
Transportation Supervisor