

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

## School Bus & School Zone Safety

As summer comes to an end and students head back to school, parents and children should take a few minutes to review the following school bus safety tips.

### SCHOOL START DATES:

- ♦ **Worth County - Aug 03**
- ♦ **Dougherty County - Aug 05**
- ♦ **Tift County - Aug 6**
- ♦ **Lee County - Aug 14**
- ♦ **Mitchell County - Aug 17**
- ♦ **Colquitt County - Aug 17**

### Traveling to School Facts

1. According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign an estimated 2.2 million children ages 14 and under are injured in school-related accidents each year.
2. Accidents can be prevented if parents are on the lookout for potential hazards.

### School Bus Safety Tips For Children

- **BE EARLY:** Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives
- **GIANT STEPS:** Take 5 giant steps backward when you see the bus approaching.
- **WAIT:** Before entering and exiting the bus, wait for the driver to say its **O.K.** to get on or off.
- **CHECK STRAPS:** Make sure before entering and exiting that things with straps are secure and can't get caught on handrails or in doors.
- **NEVER:** Never walk behind the school bus.
- **DON'T:** If you drop something near or under the bus, don't try to get it. Ask the bus driver to get it for you.
- **STAY SEATED:** Stay in your seat at all times and keep heads and arms inside the bus while riding.

### School Zone Safety Rules



**Learn and Obey:** School bus and school zone laws of Georgia.



**Drive Slowly:** Children may be walking to and from the bus stop.

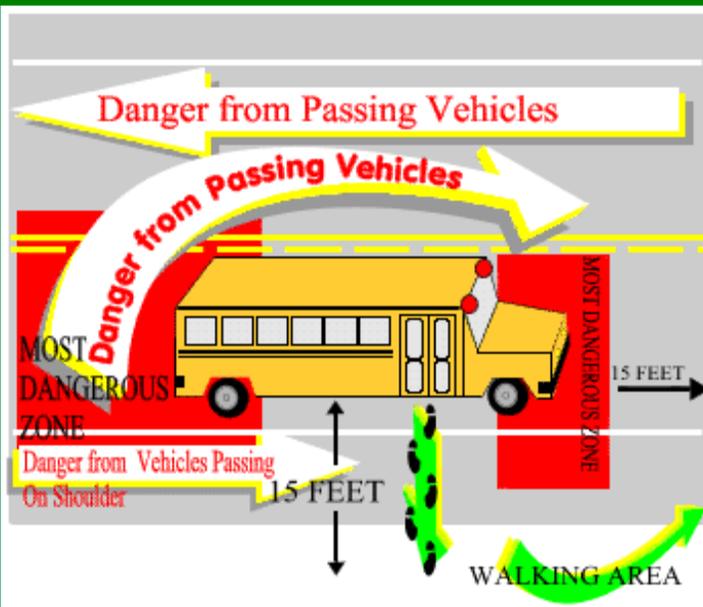


**Do Not Pass:** When the bus is showing the **STOP** sign or flashing lights, children are either loading or unloading the bus.



**Be Alert/Watch:** Children may be playing or gathering and dart out into traffic.

### DANGER ZONES AROUND A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS



### TIPS FOR STUDENT DRIVERS

1. Everyone in the car should wear a seatbelt.
2. Give your car a safety check before leaving.
3. Leave early, give yourself time to travel at a safe speed, and follow the rules of the road.
4. Don't talk or text on a cell phone while driving.
5. Watch out for school zones and school bus stops.



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