



School Bus **Go Green**

Go Green Flyer

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CHOOSE **YELLOW**... AND YOU'RE GOING **GREEN**

- The National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Department of Transportation and other authorities agree that school buses are the safest form of transportation for getting children to and from school. Some 480,000 school buses transport 26 million children – more than half of America’s school children – each day, and complete 10 billion passenger trips and 4.3 billion miles per year, almost always without a serious incident.
- Riding in a school bus is much safer than using any other form of transportation – including personal vehicles and railroad and airline travel. According to the Transportation Research Board, part of the National Academy of Sciences, a child is 13 times safer in a school bus than in other modes of travel. Children driving to school or riding with other teenage drivers are 44 times more likely to be fatally injured than in a school bus. (“The Relative Risks of School Travel,” 2002.)
- The American School Bus Council works to keep school buses safe, secure and reliable.
- Riding the school bus is better for the environment and reduces our reliance on fossil fuels from other countries.
- Nationally there are more school buses than planes, trains and transit buses... Combined
- Think about the amount of traffic that would be generated without our school buses. In fact ... Each school bus takes 36 passenger vehicles off our roads.
- Nationally ... The fuel saving provided by school buses is equivalent to 27 super tankers or 300 thousand tankers.
- In North Carolina there are nearly 14 thousand school buses carrying over three quarters of a million students every school day. That’s an average of 56 students on each bus.
- In Forsyth County there are 359 school buses, carrying more than 30 thousand students to 74 schools.
- Our buses are gateways to education.. Safe harbors for our children and though they look yellow *these buses are green.*

The role of the school bus driver is ensuring the safe transportation of children to and from school. Federal licensing and endorsements supplemented by state and local training are essential.

The responsibility for safety of children on the school bus lies not only with the driver but also with school administrators, parents and students.

Transportation staffs must constantly balance safety and efficiency and nowhere is this more critical than on the bus route. Bus stop placement, route hazards and bus stop safety must be addressed by the school district while they use GPS and routing software to plan school bus routes and schedules.

Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools Department of Transportation

Our Mission Statement:

To support the educational process by dedicating ourselves to the safe and efficient transport of students.

The Principles That Guide Us:

Safety First-for students, ourselves and others

Reliability-because others count on us to meet their needs

Efficiency-to provide cost effective operations with quality

Respect-to show respect for ourselves, our customers and one another

Trust-to make it safe to share anything that impacts safety, reliability, or efficiency with those who need to know

Teamwork-supporting one another and pulling together to achieve a common goal

Excellence-to be regarded by knowledgeable observers as being among the very best in what we do

Bus Behavior Rules:

1. No Bullying on the school bus.
2. Observe the same conduct as in the classroom.
3. Respect the authority and cooperate with the bus driver.
4. Stay in your assigned seat at all times.
5. Keep all parts of your body and other objects inside the bus.
6. Be courteous, use no profane language.
7. Help to keep the bus clean and do not be destructive.
8. No weapons, drugs or alcohol of any kind are permitted on the bus.
9. Do not eat, drink, or smoke on the bus.
10. If school permits mechanical devices, it cannot be heard by other riders or bus driver.

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