

Best Practices at bus stops

Best practices have been developed by parents in the Racine area:

- Parents walk with student prior to school start to establish safest path to the bus stop.
 - This can be done before work, after work or on the weekends.
 - Multiple trips should be made with the student or until parent and child is confident.
 - During the walk the parent should reaffirm their safety instructions, where to cross streets and what to look for and watch out for.
 - These directions may need to be altered or updated throughout the school year.
 - For younger students the parent(s) should elect to stay with their child until the bus arrives.
 - Additionally, for the younger students the parents should meet the bus after school.
 - The parents are responsible for the safety of their children before being picked up by the bus and after the students are discharged for the bus.
 - Arrive a minimum of 5 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.
 - City bus stops with two side walks and two curbs are yellow light stops (hazard lights). Traffic is not required to stop.
- Sometimes the shortest path to the bus stop is not the safest.
- Cross at signal lights or controlled intersections.
- Many students that do not live in the city will have stops on roads that have speed limits of 55, 45 and 35 MPH.
 - * All of the same rules above apply to these stops.
 - * These stops are all red light stops. Traffic both ways are required to stop.
 - * Students are recommended to stand back a safe distance from the flowing traffic. This is distance is determined by the parent. The bus driver will instruct the student when to cross the street if needed.
 - * The location that the student stand needs to become routine. They need to be visible to the bus driver as he slows down. Standing behind trees is not recommended for visibility.