

Spotlight on Health & Safety



School Bus Safety

Did you know that last year PRSD school bus drivers reported over 50 flybys?

A flyby is when a vehicle passes a bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop sign is out. The law requires that when the red lights are flashing, motorists must come to a complete stop and give approximately 20 meters or 4-5 car lengths of space between you and the bus in either direction. This will allow the greatest visibility for other motorists to notice the flashing red lights and stop sign, while allowing our children to safely load or unload from the school bus and cross the road if necessary.

Please take a few minutes and talk to your children about school bus safety. Advise them to wait to cross the road until the lights are flashing on the bus, the stop sign is out, and to look both ways and not to cross the road until all vehicles are stopped. If you have young children, be sure to meet them on the same side of the road that the school bus is on. This may prevent them from running across the road without looking.

Also please note that National School Bus Safety Week is October 16 -20th and this year's theme is "Rider Rules = Safe to School." Our school bus drivers do a fantastic job teaching school bus safety rules to students and we thank you in advance for your partnership and cooperation in keeping our students safe and happy as they travel to and from school.

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