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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to be transporting your child to and from school.

Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

*Students waiting for the bus need to be taught to stay out of the "Danger Zone" of the bus. 12 Feet should ALWAYS be given in the front, back and sides of the bus preventing the students to be where the driver is not able to see them. (Please see the attached Diagram)

* Parents should never park cars at or near the bus stop. Parked cars at or near the designated bus stop prevents the driver from having the "danger zone" boundaries around the bus. Thus making it very dangerous to load/unload kids without being able to see them. (Please see attached Diagram)

*Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run into the road.

*Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.

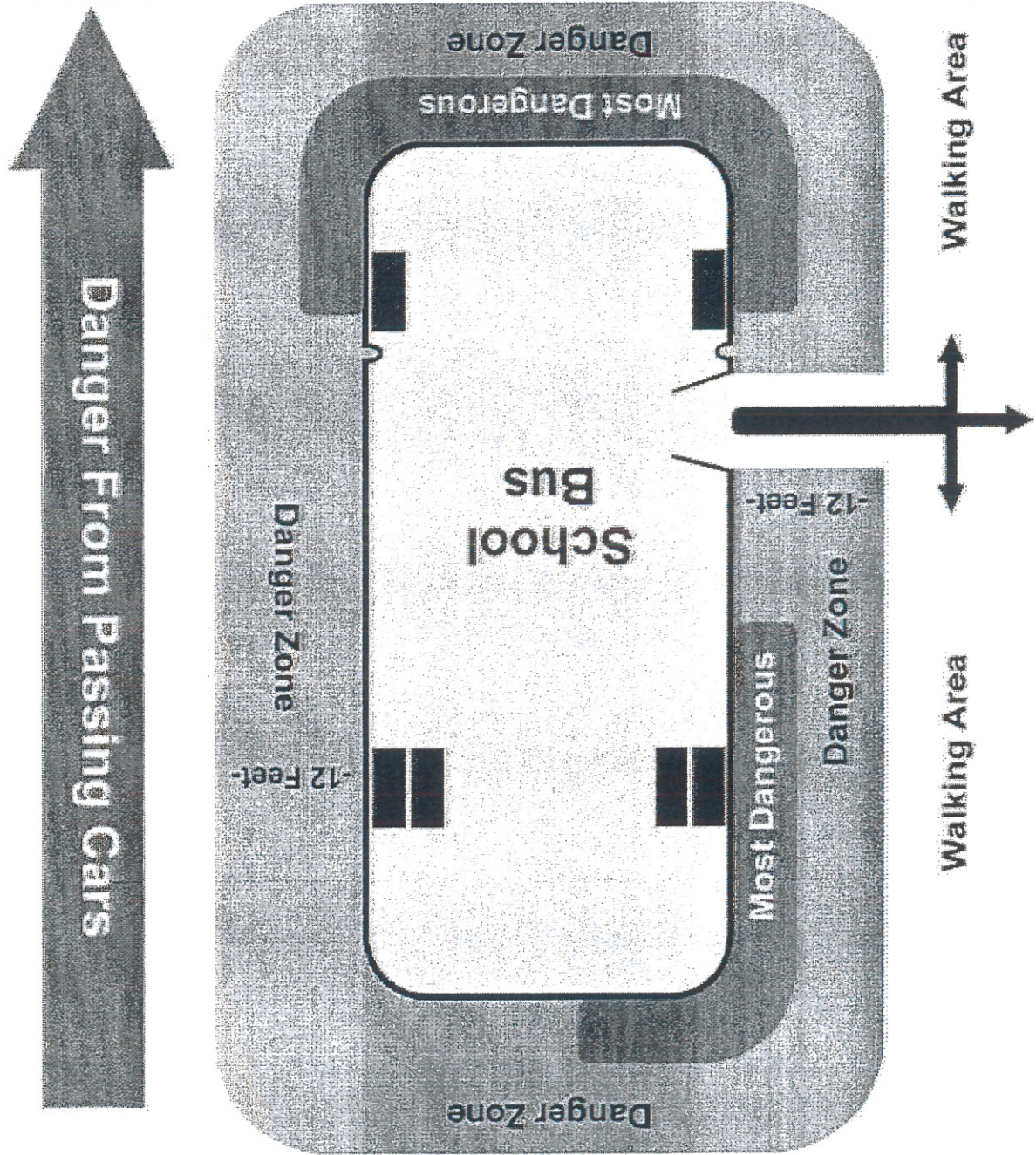
*When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in a single file line. (Please see attached Diagram)

We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children. We have included numerous handouts so parents may be educated just like our drivers. Please don't hesitate to contact the transportation department with any concerns you may have with your child's transportation.

Thank you!

Launi Harden- Director of Transportation

School Bus Danger Zone



WHEN LEAVING YOUR BUS

Here's How to Cross the Road

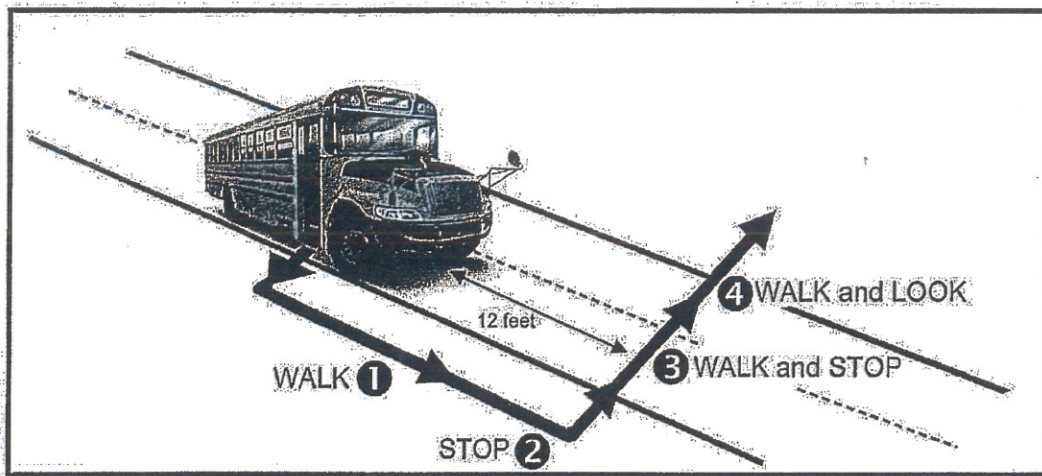
SAFELY

WALK – along the side of the road until you can see your driver.

STOP – Wait for the signal to cross.

WALK & STOP – Go to the Driver's side cross view mirror and look both ways – wait for the driver's signal to cross.

WALK & LOOK – For traffic both ways – if you see a vehicle that has not stopped, go back to the bus – if all vehicles have stopped, cross the road quickly.



Crossing the Highway is DANGEROUS!

Remember

- ① Walk
- ② Stop
- ③ Walk and Stop
- ④ Walk and Look

**Drivers SHOULD stop...But
THEY MAY NOT!**

Diagram # 7

Unit # 3 Loading and Unloading Left side loading procedure

Here's How to Cross the Road Safely, Follow the 12 foot rule.

Stay-- on your side of the road 12 feet away from the traffic area.

Wait-- for the bus to come to a stop, Flashing Red Lamp System activated and for your driver's Utah Pointing Signal that it is safe to cross.

Check-- traffic to the right, left and right again.

Cross-- walk directly across the roadway, checking traffic both directions as you cross.

Walk-- 12 feet ahead of the bumper of the bus and board quickly using the hand rail for safety.

Utah designated Pointing Signal

Driver will use this signal anytime a student is required to cross the roadway, POINTING in the direction the students should be crossing.
Pointing only, with no side motion or up and down motion of the hand or arm. Unnecessary movement may confuse motorists and students.

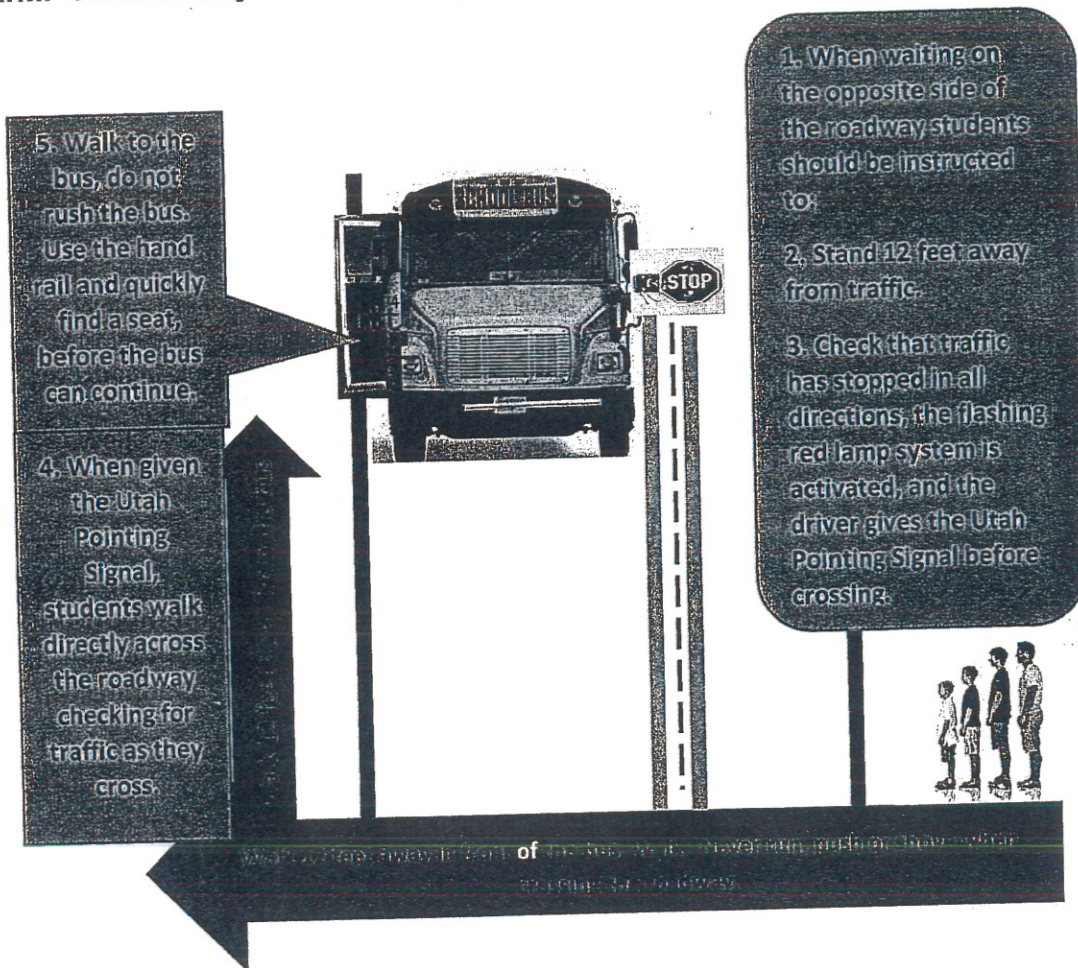


Diagram #5

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Remember to use your SAFETY CUSHION:

