

Flashing Red Lights Mean Stop!

As the school year begins on Tuesday, August 25, please remember that students will be walking, driving, or riding to school in the mornings and afternoons. Keep an eye out for them. When you see a yellow school bus, always expect to see children. If the bus is slowing and the lights begin to flash, be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

A Few Reminders to Parents and Students Riding the School Bus:

- Be alert to traffic. Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.
- Make eye contact with the bus driver, and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street.
- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus to cross the street.
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.
- Before leaving the sidewalk, look for the flashing red lights.
- Never go under the bus to retrieve something that you've dropped.

Village Bus Stop Procedures:

Unloading

- Hold handrail
- Move away from bus
- Wait for the bus to leave

Loading

- If crossing the street wait until the bus has left.
- Look left, then right, then left again before crossing
- Look for traffic behind the bus

Country Rider Procedures:

When Leaving the Bus and Crossing to the Left

- Move from the bus
- Go ten feet in front of the bus – see the driver's eyes
- Wait for the driver's signal
- Move to the edge of the bus
- Look for traffic - look left, then right, then left again before crossing
 - Continue if clear
 - If there is danger or a car coming, the driver will blow the horn - RETURN to the bus immediately

When Boarding the Bus and Boarding from the Left

- Wait for the bus to stop
- Wait for the driver's signal
- Look for traffic - look left, then right, then left again before crossing
- Cross quickly and board the bus