

SAFETY PROCEDURES

9-06

The following procedures may help you to understand what is expected of your child(ren) in order to return home safely at a designated school bus stop.

RIGHT SIDE:

The driver will assign a designated **PLACE OF SAFETY (P.O.S.)** On the residence side. The driver will count the student/s as they get off the bus. Each student will be instructed to walk out at least 10 or more big steps so the driver can see them. The student/s must go to the **P.O.S.** where the driver will count them again. Student/s are not to leave to their **P.O.S.** until the school bus has pulled away.

LEFT SIDE CROSSERS:

The driver will count the student/s as they are getting off the bus. They will take at least 10 big steps away from the bus, then look at the driver for a hand signal (palm up to windshield). When the driver's hand comes down, the student/s will go to the middle of the road; stop and check traffic, if safe they may continue to cross to their **P.O.S.** on the residence side. (IF THE HORN BLOWS, THAT COULD MEAN DANGER, THEY SHOULD RE-CHECK TRAFFIC – IF DANGER- RETURN TO THE PLACE THEY WERE STANDING WHEN THEY FIRST GOT OFF THE BUS. THEN THEY SHOULD LOOK BACK AT THE DRIVER FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.) They will remain at the **P.O.S.** on the residence side until they are recounted and the bus pulls away.

COMBINATION - LEFT SIDE CROSSERS & RIGHT SIDE

The student/s crossing will be dismissed from the bus first– they will be crossed as mentioned above and will remain at the **P.O.S.** Then the right side student/s will be dismissed to their **P.O.S.** – wait in an orderly manner to be counted. When the bus pulls away, they may proceed to their residence.

Your child(ren)'s **PLACE OF SAFETY** is : _____

Most accidents involving students and vehicles happen in the afternoon. Your child's safety is the most important part of riding the school bus.

Thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any questions about these procedures feel free to contact me. Call the Southwest Local District Office at 367-4139 and they will notify me.

Driver Name

Bus #

Parent Signature

Date