

# Bus Safety Tips for Parents

To help keep your children safe, below are important tips to teach them.

- ▶ Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- ▶ Have all items in their book bag before they leave home so they do not drop anything.
- ▶ Wait at the bus stop in a safe place, 10-12 feet away from the road.
- ▶ Keep electronic equipment packed away as they prepare to board. Never use an electronic device or wear ear buds when walking to the bus stop or when getting on or off the bus.
- ▶ Return home to get help or phone for assistance if they miss the bus.
- ▶ **NEVER** chase after the bus.
- ▶ **NEVER** walk to another bus stop.
- ▶ **NEVER** drive your child to another bus stop without permission. The bus driver is not expecting them and your child may not be seen and can be injured.



# Illegal Passing

## **Taken From KRS 189.370-Passing stopped school or church bus prohibited**

If any school or church bus used in the transportation of children is stopped upon a highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, with the stop arm and signal lights activated, the operator of a vehicle approaching from any direction shall bring his vehicle to a stop and shall not proceed until the bus has completed receiving or discharging passengers and has been put into motion. The stop requirement provided for in this section shall not apply to vehicles approaching a stopped bus from the opposite direction upon a highway of four (4) or more lanes.

If any vehicle is witnessed to be in violation of subsection (1) of this section and the identity of the operator is not otherwise apparent, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the person in whose name the vehicle is registered or leased was the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and is subject to the penalties as provided for in KRS 189.990(5).

## **Help keep our students safe!**

If you see a vehicle passing a school bus while they are loading or unloading students, contact your local law enforcement office to report the vehicle description and license plate number.

