



**St Johns County School District
Transportation Department
Guide to a Safe and Efficient School Bus Stop
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- Trust your instincts
- Alert authorities to strange vehicles or persons in vicinity of the school bus stops and/or walkways to/from school bus stops
- Demonstrate respect for public, community, and private properties
- Prevent children from crossing roadways between motor vehicles and golf carts
- Don't park motor vehicles or golf carts within fifty (50) feet of intersections from any direction
- Don't park motor vehicles or golf carts within fifty (50) feet of school bus stops from any direction
- Don't allow children to enter/exit motor vehicles or golf carts from the roadside of the motor vehicles or golf carts (enter/exit from curbside only)
- Don't double or closely stagger park motor vehicles or golf carts along roadways or in vicinity of the school bus stops
- Don't park motor vehicles or golf carts opposing the lawful flow of traffic
- Don't assemble or park in any manner which impedes the safe passage of school buses to and from school bus stops
- Assemble children at designated staging areas at least twelve (12) feet from where the school bus actually stops in advance of the school bus arrival
- Do not wait for the school bus to arrive to have children exit motor vehicles or golf carts
- For kindergarteners and 1st graders especially, meet the student at the student door of the bus, especially in inclement weather. School bus operators need your direct assistance with linking parent/guardian with child.
- Arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before scheduled arrival time
- Manage student behavior at the bus stop
- Do not allow children to approach the bus until the bus has come to a complete stop and the school bus operator signals the children to approach the school bus
- Allow the school bus to leave the school bus stop before driving through the school bus stop location
- Respect the amber and red student lights on the school bus
- Manage residential subcontractors such as landscapers to ensure they don't park in a manner which impedes the safe passage of the school buses
- Adjust commuting times as appropriate to avoid the school buses at the bus stops and/or "getting stuck" behind the school bus on the roadways
- For safety and security reasons, do not attempt to board the school bus (only eligible students and school board employees are permitted to board the bus at the bus stop)
- Report safety or security concerns to the respective schools, law enforcement, and/or the Transportation Department