

Crossing Procedure FOR NC SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

MORNING PICK-UP

- 1 Activate amber warning lights 300 feet in advance of the passenger stop.
- 2 Come to a complete stop.
- 3 Activate red lights (using middle position if there is a 3 position switch).
- 4 If students have to cross, hold left palm up to signal the students to wait.



- 5 When safe, with door open, give "thumbs up", signaling students it's okay to cross and then point in the direction they are walking to cross the street.

Make sure THEY also check for traffic.



- 6 Complete the Process:
 - Count, watch and recount students.
 - When students are safe, close the door.
 - Check all mirrors from left to right for students and traffic.
 - Proceed slowly while checking for students.

SOUND HORN if students are in danger

AFTERNOON DROP-OFF

- 1 Activate amber warning lights 300 feet in advance of the passenger stop.
- 2 Come to a complete stop.
- 3 Activate red lights (using middle position if there is a 3 position switch).
- 4 With door open, remind students to look both ways while exiting the bus and to look for your signal if crossing.

- 5 If students have to cross, hold right palm up for students to wait.



- 6 When safe give "thumbs up", signaling students it's okay to cross and then point in the direction they are walking to cross the street.

Make sure THEY also check for traffic.



- 7 Complete the Process:
 - Count, watch and recount the students that have exited your bus.
 - Close door (when students are in a safe area).
 - Check all mirrors for students and traffic.
 - Proceed slowly while checking for students.

SOUND HORN if students are in danger

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