



First Student offers these winter weather safety tips:

- Motorists should use extra precaution when approaching or following a school bus as they make frequent stops loading and unloading students. Laws in all states require motorists to stop when the school bus stop arm is extended and red lights are flashing.
- Students who walk to or wait at school bus stops should dress appropriately for cold, icy weather. Proper outerwear includes warm coats, gloves, hats and waterproof footwear. Passengers should not wear clothes with toggles or dangling key chains as they can get caught in the bus doors or on the handrail.
- Passengers should wait for the bus to stop completely before approaching the bus to get on or before standing up to get off. Always use caution when stepping on or off the bus.
- Students should never run after the bus. Plan ahead and allow sufficient time to get to the bus stop.
- Students should stay away from and out of the streets, particularly in snowy, icy weather.
- Parents and students should check with their school, school district or emergency closing alert system for any schedule delays or cancellations. Information can generally be found on school websites, and many districts use a phone alert system to announce changes to school or bus schedules. School delays or closings may occur when officials determine that weather conditions are too severe to ensure safe travel to and from school.