

Safety Management System

Mission

Remove or Reduce Risk

Vision

Do it Right the First Time,
Every Time

Values

No Unsafe Behaviors

Hazard Mitigation

Remove or Reduce Risk

- Leave room. Always stay back at least four seconds
- Look ahead
- Look around
- Communicate
- Stay within posted speed limits
- Count the kids away
- Avoid backing the bus or use a spotter or GOAL
- Check for sleeping children
- Rock & roll for turns
- Use your reference points
- Drop students only at approved stops
- Adjust your mirrors
- Do a thorough Pre & Post Trip and only operate a safe vehicle
- Focus on the driving
- Always stop completely at stop signs
- Learn the students' names, smile and greet them
- Courtesy is contagious
- Slow down and pull back for rain, snow, ice or fog
- Get enough sleep, always be alert and awake
- Always keep your balance, no rushing, use three point contact
- Never be under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Hazard Identification

Unsafe Behaviors

- 1 Following too closely
- 2 Unprepared for what is coming
- 3 Not being prepared for what is around you
- 4 Not communicating with other drivers or pedestrians
- 5 Speeding
- 6 Being unaware a student is still in the danger zones when you pull away
- 7 Backing without a spotter or GOAL
- 8 Leaving a sleeping child on a bus
- 9 Not rocking & rolling to see around blind spots
- 10 Turning without using your reference points
- 11 Dropping students at unauthorized stops
- 12 Not adjusting your mirrors to minimize blind spots
- 13 Operating unsafe equipment
- 14 Rushing to make up time
- 15 Distractions – texting, dialing, or reading maps
- 16 Rolling through stop signs
- 17 Not being able to identify students and having no communication with them
- 18 Developing a bad attitude
- 19 Driving too fast for conditions
- 20 Driver fatigue
- 21 Slips, trips & falls
- 22 Use of drugs & alcohol

Professionals apply these practices every day