

10 MILLION
cars illegally pass school buses every year.



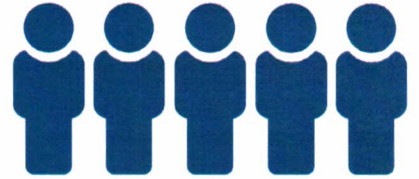
School Bus ridership SAVES **20 MILLION** tons of CO₂ emissions each year.

School Bus ridership SAVES **2.6 BILLION** gallons of gasoline each year.

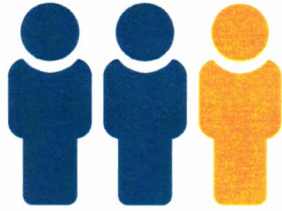


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teen pedestrian deaths every week in the United States.



Passing vehicles cause an estimated **2/3** of school bus loading and unloading fatalities.



School Buses are designed to be **SAFER** than other vehicles.

- Flashing red lights
- Size, height and color
- Cross-view mirrors
- Driver qualifications
 - Trained in student behavior management
 - Participate in pre-employment and random drug/alcohol testing
 - Frequent driving record checks
 - Trained in safety and security procedures
 - Trained in emergency medical procedures
- Stop sign arms and laws
- Protective seating
- High crush standards
- Rollover protection

1 School Bus carries the equivalent of about **36** cars.

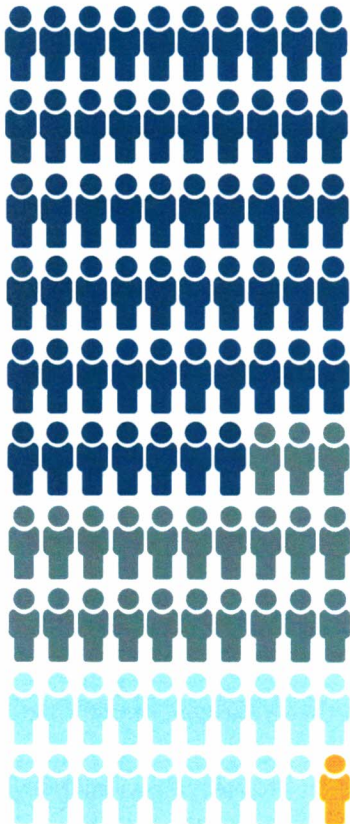


Cutting down on gridlock traffic, longer commutes and higher concentrations of pollution in the air.



School Bus ridership saves over **17 MILLION** cars from joining the daily commute (that is more cars than would span the distance from Miami to Seattle.)

Youth Fatalities During School Travel Hours:



TEEN DRIVER: **57%**
ADULT DRIVER: **23%**
OTHER TRAVEL: **19%**
SCHOOL BUS: **1%**

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY & RIDERSHIP FACTS.

Not only are school buses an important part of the education system, they save hundreds of lives each year and provide millions of jobs nationwide.

School Buses transport OVER **26 MILLION** students each day.



Students are **70x** more likely to get to school safely taking the school bus instead of traveling by car.

Parents:

Important School Bus Safety Alert

HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child exits the school bus. Especially dangerous are:

- **Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings**
- **Long backpack straps**
- **Long scarves or other loose clothing**

Such items can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment as the child exits the bus.

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they left the bus. Several children were dragged by the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them.

Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

Also, please talk with your children about these safety rules:

- **Stay away from the DANGER ZONES around the bus.**
- **Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus – the bus driver might not see you.**
- **Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.**

***SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT
NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE***

Courtesy of the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: 800-836-2210 or 315-475-1836