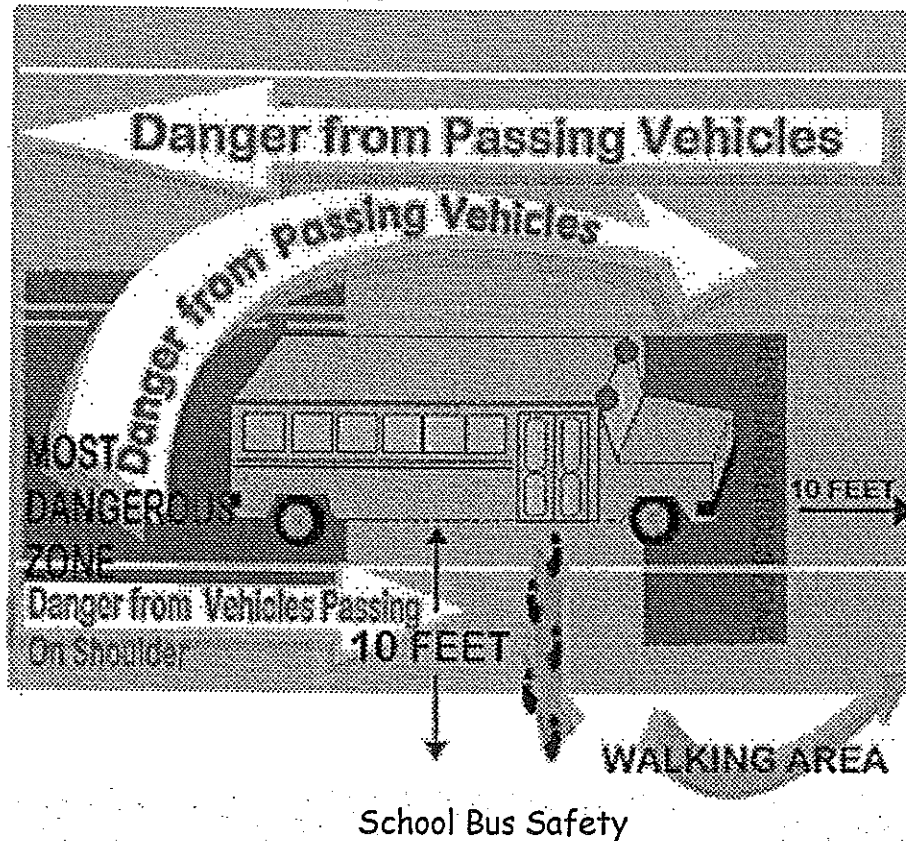


West Milford Transportation Department



School Bus Safety

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on or off the school bus.
- The "DANGER ZONE" is the area on all sides of the school bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, and ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot, and the area behind the school bus).

THINGS TO TEACH YOUR CHILD:

1. Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early.
2. When crossing in front of a school bus teach your child to wave to the bus driver.
(If your child can see the bus driver, the bus driver can see your child)
3. If your child has to cross in front of the bus, teach them if they can reach out and touch the bus they are in the "DANGER ZONE" they need to take 10 giant steps away from the school bus.
That will insure the bus driver will be able to see the child.
4. Teach your child NEVER stick anything out the window --- arms, legs, head, bookbag, etc.
5. Remain seated at all times. Never stand on a moving school bus
6. Always sit fully in the seat and face forward. (this may mean take their back pack off their backs)
7. Always obey the school bus driver.
8. DO NOT distract the bus driver.
9. When approaching their bus stop on the way home stay seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
10. Never, ever, walk behind a school bus.