

# Safety Crossing the Street in Front of the Bus

If crossing the street or roadway is necessary, follow these procedures:

## To the Bus

1. Wait well back from the road or street surface (at least three feet) until the bus comes to a complete stop.
2. Be sure the red lights at the top of the bus are flashing and the stop arm is extended. Watch for an indication from the driver (a nod or a hand signal) that it is "okay" to cross. **BE SURE THAT YOU CHECK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING.**
3. Cross about five paces or 10 feet in front of the bumper so the driver of the bus can see you.

## From the Bus

1. Walk "away" from and about five paces or 10 feet in front of the bus on the shoulder or off the street surface.
2. Again check with the driver and be sure the red stop lights are flashing before you start to cross. **WALK - DO NOT RUN!**
3. As you reach the edge of the bus, check traffic from both directions. Not all vehicles obey the stop signals and arm. Proceed only when it is safe and then do so in a direct path to the other side.
4. Older students should assist the younger ones in this process.
5. If the driver ever honks the horn, stop immediately and look at the driver for further instructions.

