

Riding the School Bus

FOR FIRST-TIME RIDERS



Hi! I'm Robbie the Raccoon and I'm a yellow school bus driver. I'm so excited that you'll be taking the yellow school bus this year!



Every school bus has a number.

Do you know what your school bus number is?
Write it on the school bus window.

Let's get ready for the bus.
Circle the items below that
you should always have
when taking the bus.



ANSWER KEY: It's really important to have your bus pass and backpack with you. Depending on the weather, you'll also want to make sure you have your jacket, scarf and gloves, too!

Now that you're packed for the bus,
let's get you to school!



Follow the maze to get to school. You'll have to
make a few stops along the way:

- Grab your backpack
- Don't forget your bus pass
- Get to your bus stop
- Scan your bus pass
- Drive to school

END



START



It is important to follow the rules and not distract me so I can focus on my job: getting you to school safely. While you're on the bus, you'll notice that some students are following the bus rules, while others aren't.



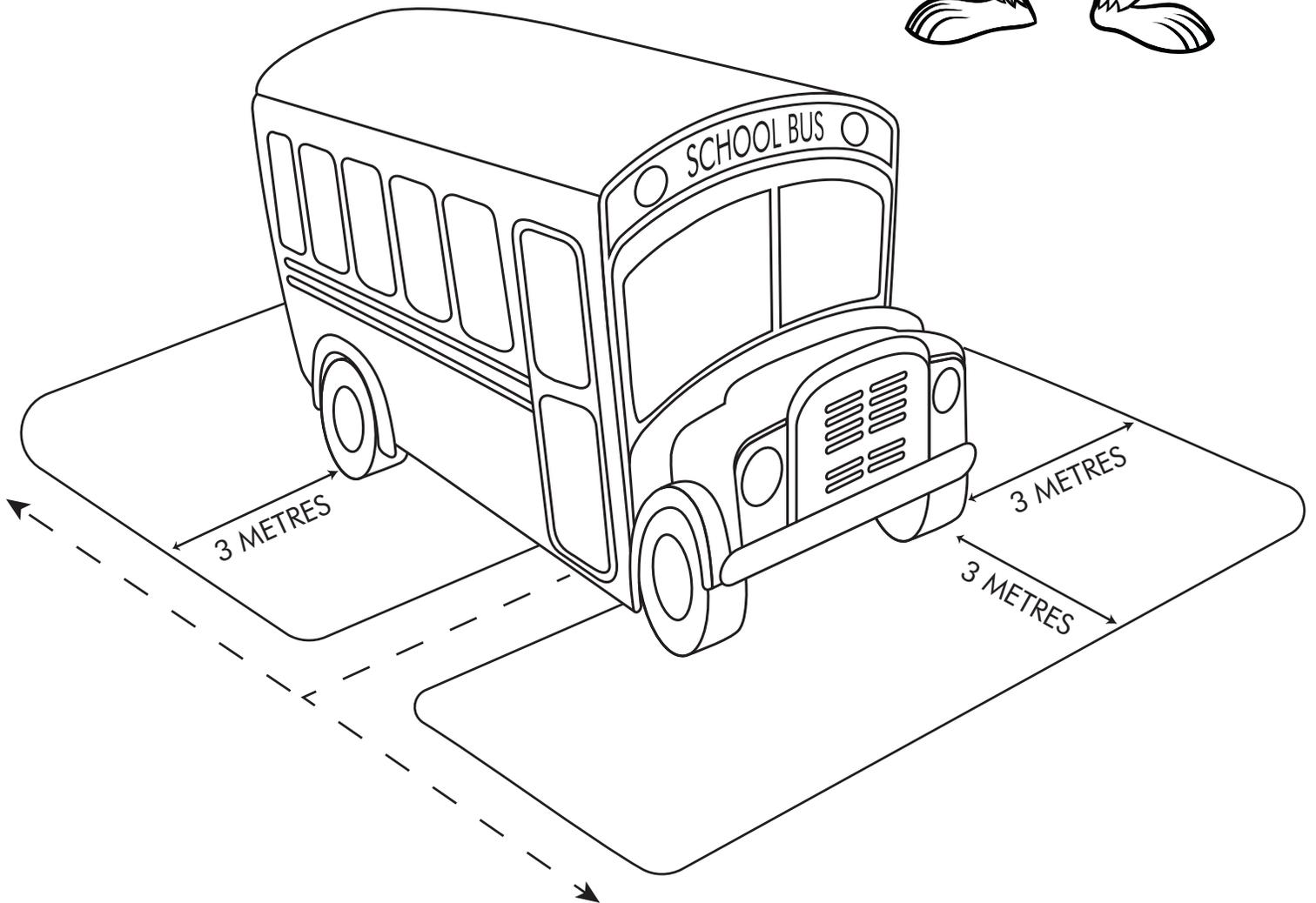
Can you circle which students you think are following the rules?



ANSWER KEY: When you're riding the bus, it's important to sit with your backpack on your lap. You can talk to your friend quietly. For everyone's safety, it's important to keep your hands inside the windows, and not to stand, yell or eat while you're on the bus.

A school bus is very big and it is hard for me to see you at all times. To keep you safe when you're walking to and from the bus, it's very important to stay away from the Danger Zone.

Can you colour this school bus and use the colour **RED** to show the **Danger Zone**? Use the colour **GREEN** to show the **Safe Zone**.





Wow, you're a bus-taking expert! Find these words in the word search below. As you find them, talk to your family about what each word means to you!

F	Q	R	U	L	E	S
C	B	U	S	M	B	P
J	X	Z	C	V	B	L
S	T	O	P	I	F	T
Y	U	M	P	A	S	S
V	Q	R	I	D	E	C
S	A	F	E	Z	X	Y

Bus



Safe



Stop



Ride



Rules



Pass



Transportation Information for Parents

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

BUS CONTRACTORS
Cunningham Transport
780.458.3255

Golden Arrow
780.447.1538

Your child's school

St. Albert Public Schools'
TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT
780.460.3712
transportation@spschools.org

MOBILE APPS

BusPlanner

Transportation Services uses a suite of transportation products called BusPlanner. Parents who have registered their children for yellow bus service will receive instructions to obtain access to the transportation portal.

Highlights include:

- All info, including your child's route number, bus stop and pick-up and drop-off times are online.
- If schedules or routes change during the year, everyone on that route will receive an automatic notification via email (parents must sign up for notifications in BusPlanner to receive these notifications).

Chipmunk School Bus Tracker

The Chipmunk app allows parents to see the location, travel direction and estimated arrival time of your child's bus. It also allows you to receive direct notifications of any delays or cancellations.



MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website for full information about transportation in our division:
www.spschools.org/division_operations/transportation

Bus Rules for Riders



Passengers should:

- Scan their pass when they get on and off the bus.
- Obey the bus driver's instructions.
- Remain seated while on the bus.
- Stand on the boulevard or sidewalk while waiting for the bus.
- Respect private property and the rights of others.
- Make sure that they have a clear view of traffic in both directions before crossing at a crosswalk or intersection.

Passengers should not:

- Try to get on or off the bus when it is moving.
- Distract the driver with loud music and conversations.
- Put arms and heads out of bus windows.
- Bring items on the bus that do not pertain to school activities - items that cannot be fully contained within a backpack may not be transported.
- Bring objects larger than a backpack onto the bus.





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