

Dear Parents:

There is perhaps no moment that carries more emotion at the start of each new school year than when the big yellow school bus rolls up and your child steps aboard. Whether it's your kindergartener taking his first ride or your high school senior beginning her final year, Krapf School Bus is so proud to safely transport your child.

For more than 70 years and three generations, Krapf family members have been safely driving school children. Today we transport students more than 25 million miles annually and operate in 33 school districts and five states. You've seen us on the roads, and now we want to formally introduce ourselves and form a partnership with you to make your child's experience the best it can be.

Krapf works very closely with the West Chester School District's Transportation Department to ensure our services are smooth, efficient, and most importantly, safe. Questions or concerns about your child's bus stop, routes, etc. can be answered by your district.

In the coming days you will receive your child's bus assignment. Our school bus drivers receive extensive safety training on all aspects of driving a bus, including managing their student passengers. Imagine the challenges of driving a school bus – not only maneuvering it through your school district's roads, but maintaining a positive, calm and quiet atmosphere with up to 72 children aboard.

This is where we can use your help. We've included a list of safety tips that we'd like you to review with your child that will help keep our bus transportation as safe as possible. Even if you think your child is too old for this, please take just a moment to go over it with him or her.

Our safety record is excellent. We continually win awards for our work on making our bus drivers and buses as safe and environmentally friendly as possible. Our drivers are friendly, too - we know they are often the first and last person your child sees during their school day!

As one of the largest family-owned bus contractors in the nation, we understand how personal a bus ride can be for you and your child. We put our own children on our buses every morning. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious cargo.

Please be aware that during the first week of school, buses are often running late as students get accustomed to a new routine. We thank you for your patience. Here's to a great 2017-2018 school year!

Sincerely,
Blake Krapf, Chief Executive Officer & President, Krapf School Bus

Krapf School Bus – Top 10 Safety Tips and Rules

1. The kind of good behavior that is expected in a classroom is also required on a school bus for the safety of everyone. The bus driver cannot concentrate properly if children are loud and distracting. There can be no shouting or bad language. Students are expected to be courteous and kind to fellow passengers and the driver.
2. There is no fighting, pushing, or shoving permitted.
3. Students must keep hands, head, and feet inside the bus at all times.
4. For safety reasons (choking, allergies, etc.), eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
5. Students must stay seated.
6. Students should never walk behind the bus. They must always be sure the driver can see them and that they can see the driver.
7. Children should never run after the bus.
8. Students should stand 10 feet back from the roadway. They should never approach the bus until it has stopped.
9. Students should arrive at the bus stop five minutes before the assigned pick-up time.
10. All items must fit on the student's lap or in the backpack.