

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ACTIVITY BOOK

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Dear Teachers and Parents:

We, at PennDOT, take very seriously our role in ensuring the safety of your children as they travel to and from school. We work with school districts and their transportation providers to deliver school bus services that have student safety as the No. 1 priority. This partnership yields a high degree of safety for children on school buses. Still, especially when students leave the confines of the bus, we see children injured and just one such incident is one too many.

For our part, PennDOT requires school bus drivers to retest and retrain every four years in order to maintain their certification. Each October, during National School Bus Safety Week, PennDOT organizes "Operation Safe Stop." This is a public awareness campaign to educate the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus is both dangerous and illegal. For your part, you can help by making sure your children and students know basic school bus safety rules. Here are some points to stress to them when you discuss being safe while going to and from the School Bus stop and while on the bus:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand back from the curb.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. If you must cross the street, always do so at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
9. Never crawl under a school bus and never try to pick up a dropped article near the bus.

This activity book covers these safety rules and we hope your children will find it fun to use as they learn its important messages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diosdado Arroyo".

Diosdado Arroyo, Director
Bureau of Driver Licensing

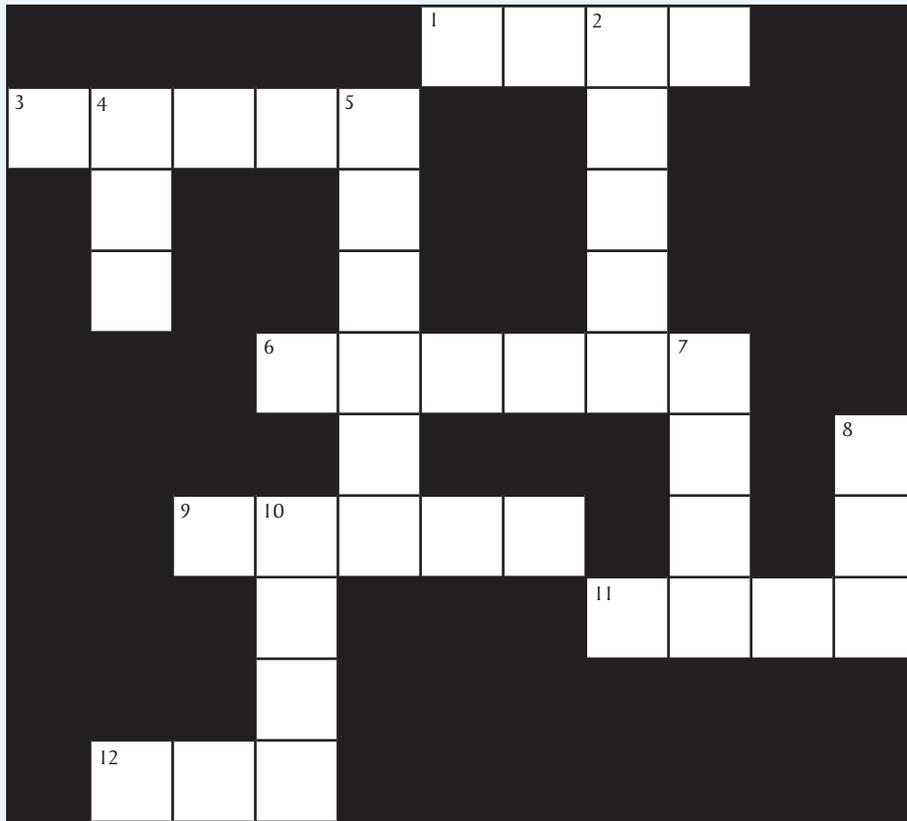


Fun School Bus Facts

-  Most school bus seats are 39 inches wide.
-  There are approximately 450,000 public school buses within the United States.
-  U.S. students get on and off a school bus 20 billion times each school year.
-  The first form of transportation for school students was a horse drawn wagon, which was borrowed from local farmers.
-  The basic design of the Large Yellow Bus has not been changed since 1977.

SCHOOL BUS RULES CROSSWORD

Use the word bank to answer the questions and fill in the School Bus Rules on the crossword below.



WORD BANK

ARMS
 BUS
 FEET
 HANDS
 LISTEN
 PUSH
 RUN
 SHOVE
 SIT
 STREET
 TIME
 CRAWL

ACROSS/DOWN

- 1 & 2. Don't (1) _____ or (2) _____ while getting on the bus.
 9 & 10. Don't put (9) _____ or (10) _____ out of the bus window.

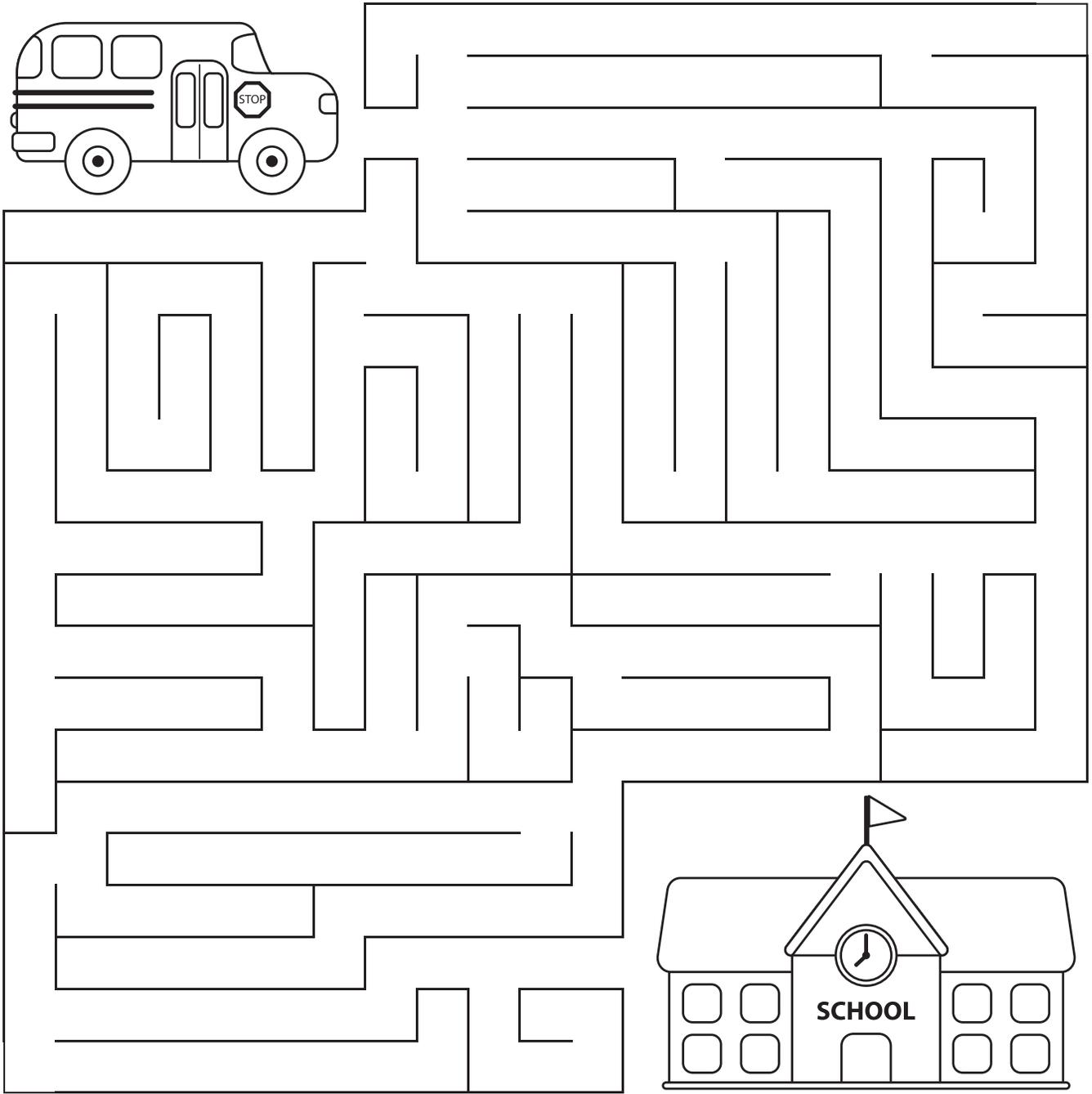
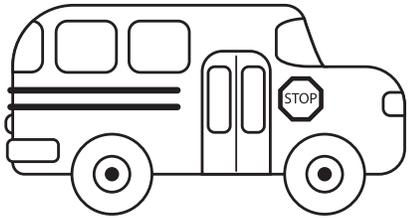
ACROSS

3. Never _____ under the school bus.
 6. Look both ways before crossing the _____.
 11. Always cross at least ten _____ in front of the bus.
 12. Wait until the ___ stops to get off.

DOWN

4. Never ___ to or from the bus.
 5. It is important to _____ to the school bus driver.
 7. Always be on _____ for the school bus.
 8. Always _____ in your assigned seat.

Coloring Maze Page



Always stay seated when the school bus is in motion.

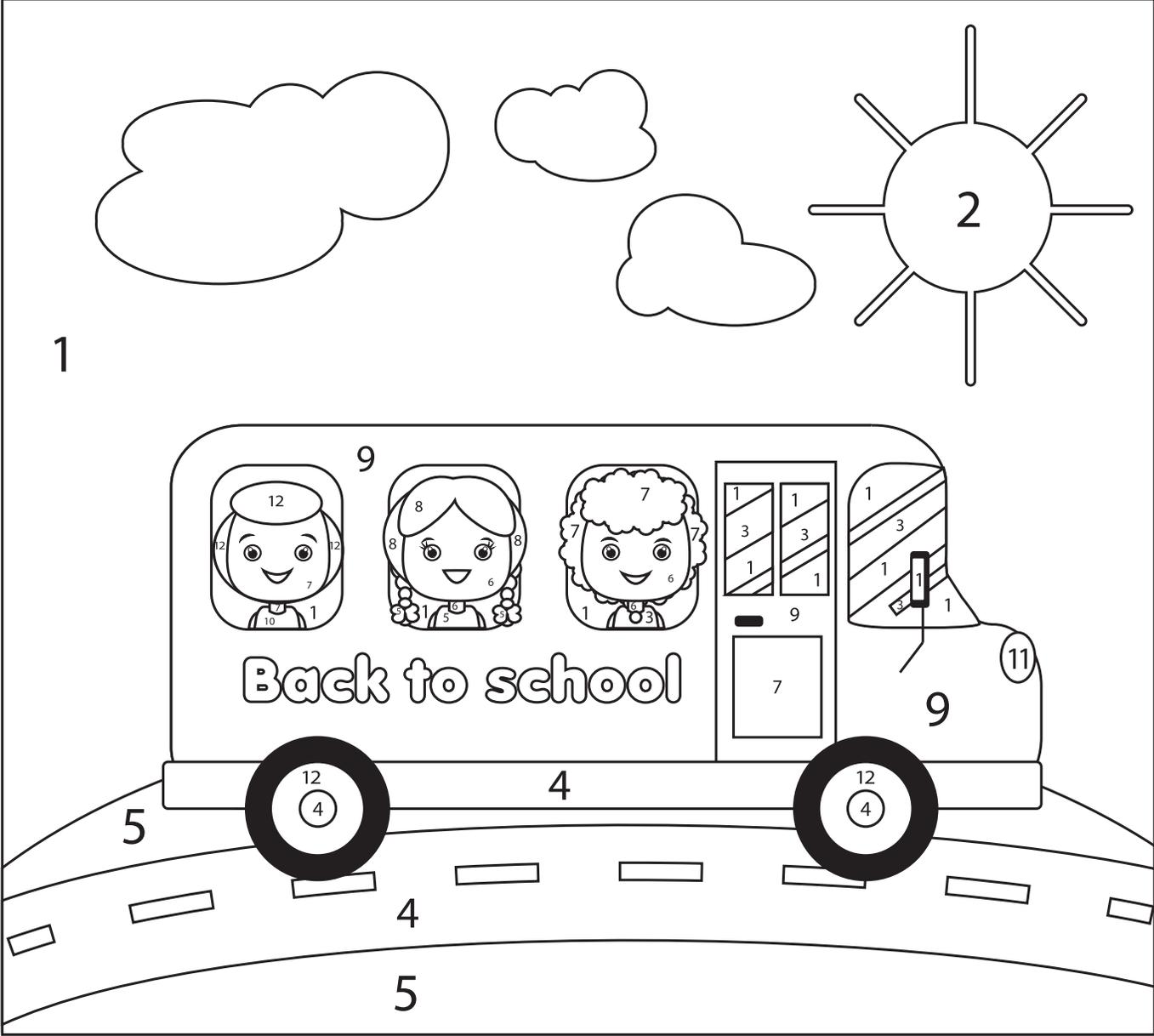


A school bus is made of many parts. Some of the school bus parts are listed below. Can you find these words in the puzzle below? They can be spelled across, backwards diagonal, or they might be up or down.

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|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| DRIVER | LIGHTS | SEAT | TIRES |
| DOOR | MIRRORS | STEPS | YELLOW |
| EXIT | MOTOR | STOP SIGN | WHEEL |
| BUMPER | QUIET | STUDENTS | WINDOW |

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

Color by numbers



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WORDS

Fill in the missing letters to spell the school bus safety words and message.

A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	H 8	I 9	J 10	K 11	L 12	M 13
N 14	O 15	P 16	Q 17	R 18	S 19	T 20	U 21	V 22	W 23	X 24	Y 25	Z 26

1. D 15 N 20 P 21 S 8 A 15 D S 8 O 22 E

2. D 1 N 7 E 18 Z 15 N 5

3. B 21 S S 20 O 16

4. R 5 D L 9 G 8 T 19

5. F 18 O 14 T B 21 M 16 E 18

6. N 5 V 5 R R 21 N

7. E 13 E 18 G 5 N 3 Y D 15 O 18

8. S 16 E 1 K Q 21 I 5 T 12 Y

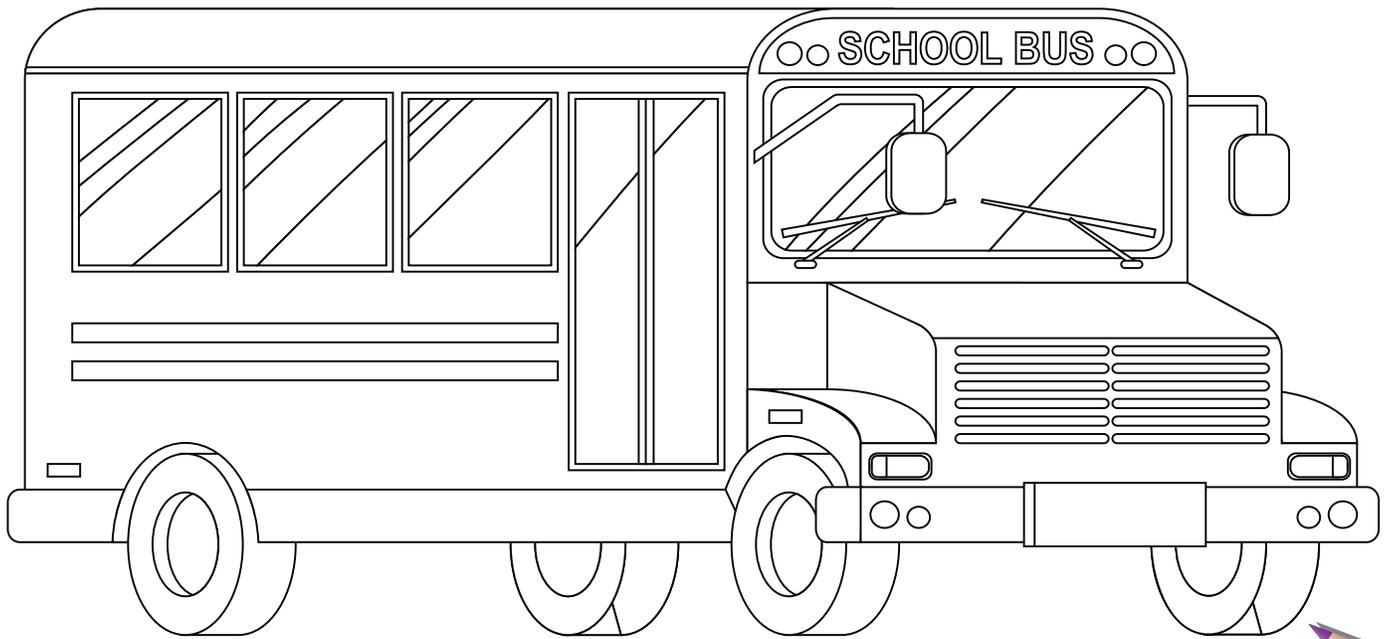
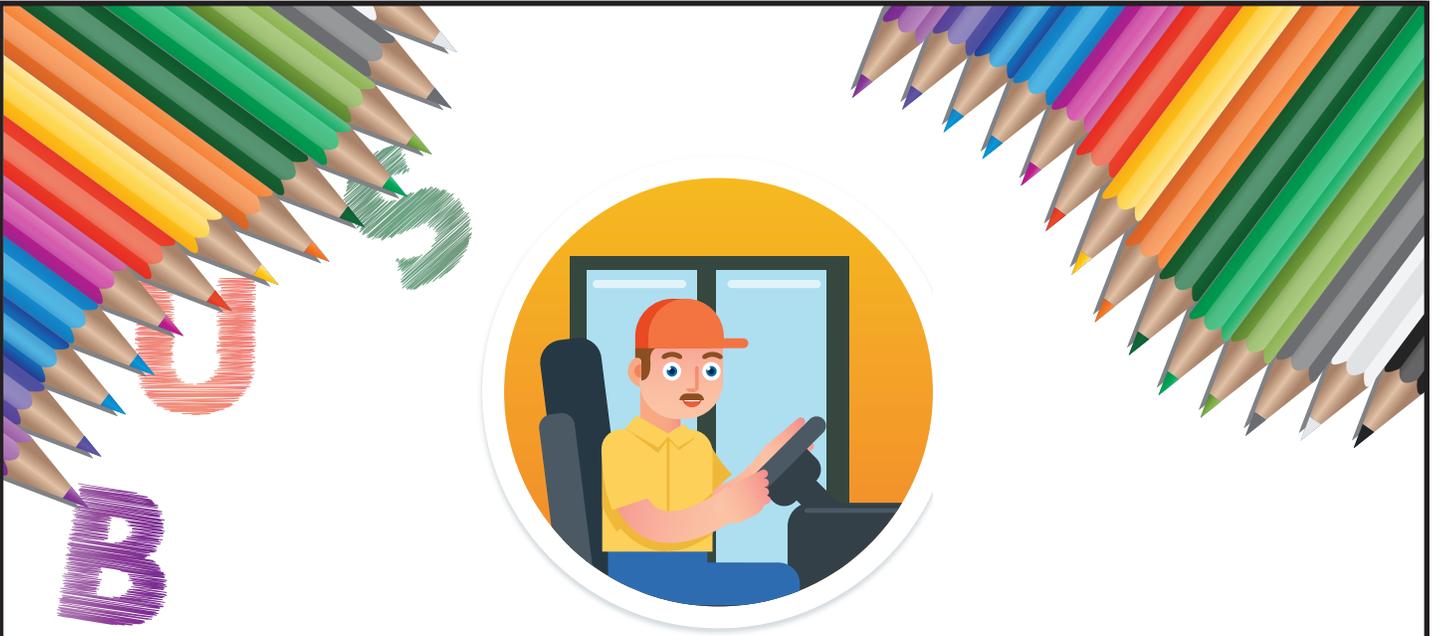
9. F 15 L 12 O 23 T 8 E B 21 S R 21 L 5 S



Y 15 U A 18 E I 14 T 8 E M 15 S 20 D 1 N 7 E 18

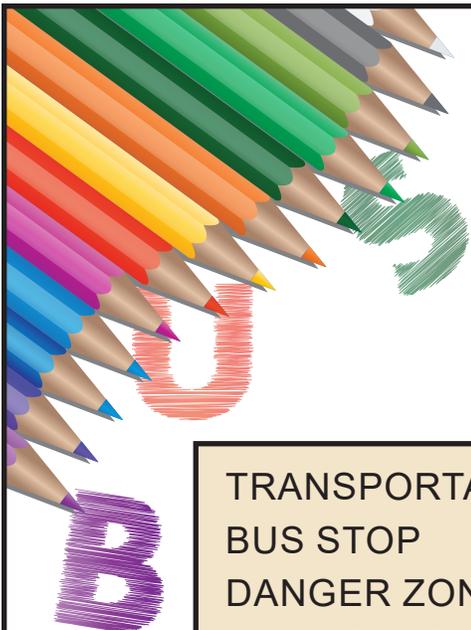
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O 6 F Y 15 U 18 S 3 H 15 O 12 B 21 S.



Always obey the school bus driver.

Coloring Page



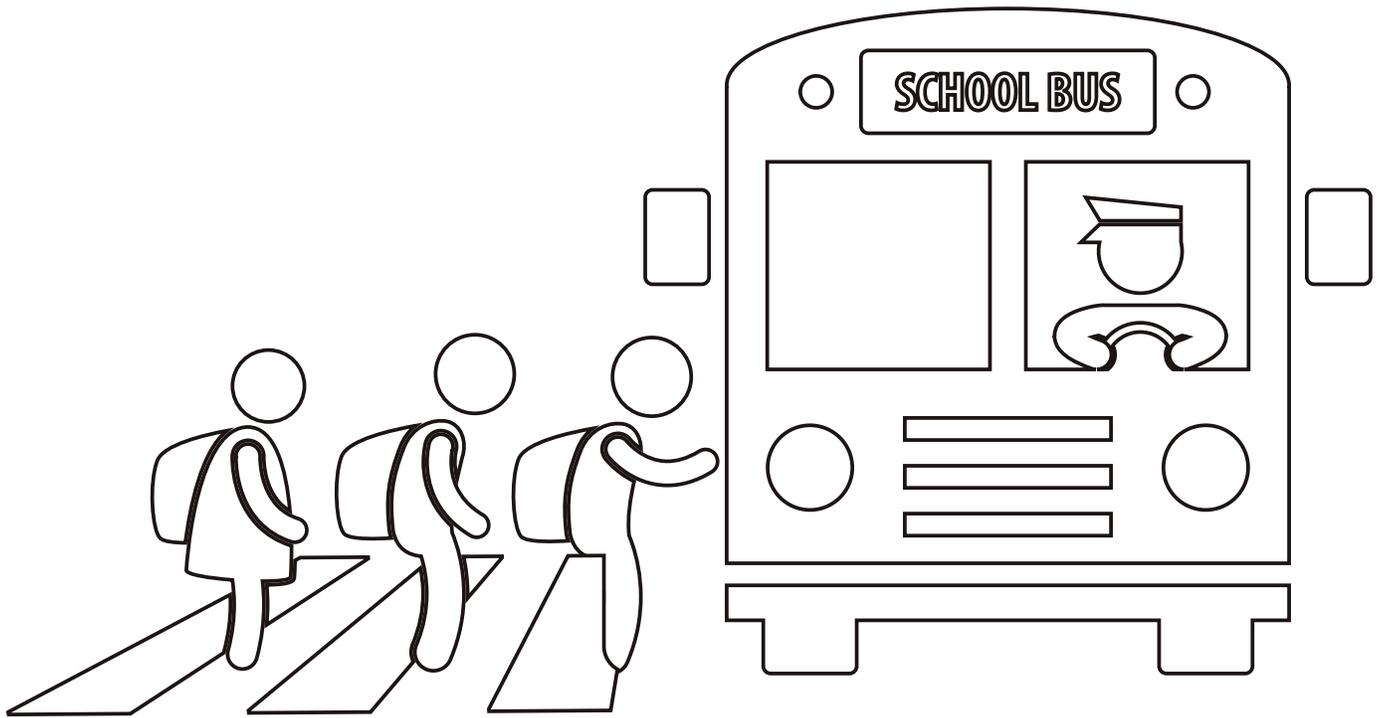
Unscramble the School Bus Words

Use the word bank to unscramble the twelve words below.

TRANSPORTATION	CROSSING ARM	STAY SEATED
BUS STOP	FLASHING RED LIGHTS	STOP SIGN
DANGER ZONE	BUS DRIVER	STUDENTS
EMERGENCY DOOR	SCHOOL	YELLOW

1. SOLCHO _____
2. UDTSNEST _____
3. SUB TPOS _____
4. USB REIVRD _____
5. WLEOLY _____
6. OPTS INGS _____
7. GRENAD NEOZ _____
8. MCYGERENE RODO _____
9. NTRAPTIAOROSN _____
10. GLAHFNSI DRE GSITLH _____
11. YATS AETDES _____
12. GSRCNIS MRA _____

Coloring Page



Wait for the Bus in a Single Line.

-  Always wait for the bus in a single line.
-  When getting on the bus, stay away from the danger zone, make eye contact with the bus driver, and wait for the driver's signal. Board the bus one at a time.
-  Don't push or shove to get on or off the bus.

CRAFT IDEA

Craft Stick School Bus Photo Frame

Material:

- 8 Jumbo Craft Sticks
- Yellow Paint
- Black Paint
- Silver Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper Plate
- Red Craft Jewels
- Scissors
- Tacky Glue
- Photo of child (4"x6")
- Adhesive Magnets



Instructions:

- Pour small amount of yellow, black, and silver paint on paper plate.
- Use paintbrush to paint 6 craft sticks yellow, paint one craft stick black, and one craft stick silver. Let dry.
- Start by gluing four craft sticks together with tacky glue to make a box. Use three yellow craft sticks for the top and sides, and a silver craft stick for the bottom - this will create a box.
- Glue one more yellow craft stick at the top of the box and two more yellow craft sticks at the bottom on top of the silver craft stick.
- Cut the black craft stick in half and glue them under the bottom of the box for the school bus wheels.
- Glue two red craft jewels at the bottom of the school bus for brake lights.
- Add glue around the back of the frame opening and glue your picture down. Add a couple of adhesive magnets. Let frame dry completely.
- YOUR SCHOOL BUS PICTURE FRAME IS NOW COMPLETE!

Answer Key

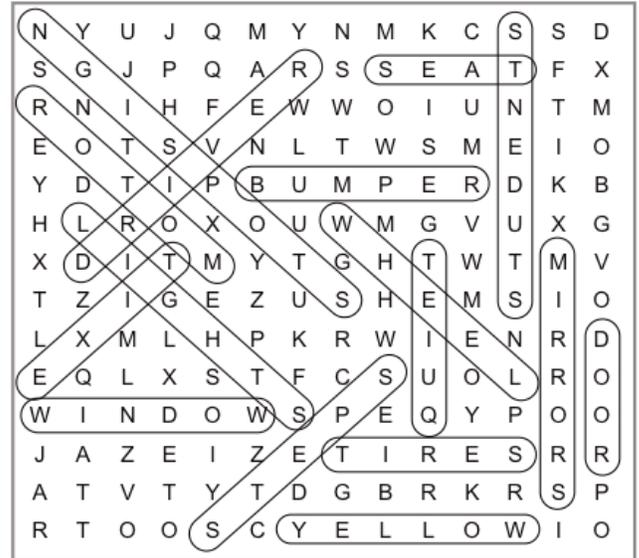
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School Bus Safety Words

1. DON'T PUSH AND SHOVE
2. DANGER ZONE
3. BUS STOP
4. RED LIGHTS
5. FRONT BUMPER
6. NEVER RUN
7. EMERGENCY DOOR
8. SPEAK QUIETLY
9. FOLLOW THE BUS RULES

YOU ARE IN THE MOST DANGEROUS ZONE WHEN GETTING ON AND OFF THE SCHOOL BUS.

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Unscramble the School Bus Words

1. SCHOOL
2. STUDENTS
3. BUS STOP
4. BUS DRIVER
5. YELLOW
6. STOP SIGN
7. DANGER ZONE
8. EMERGENCY DOOR
9. TRANSPORTATION
10. FLASHING RED LIGHTS
11. STAY SEATED
12. CROSSING ARM

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