

Activities for Elementary and Middle School Students

National School Bus Safety Week is held to raise awareness so that everyone can remain safe while students ride the bus. Here are some videos with bus safety reminders for students and a fun contest to encourage and promote school bus safety.

Zeal's Bus Safety Tips

Zeal, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Traffic Safety Zebra, is here with some school bus safety tips! [This video](#) was created in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). All aboard!

Respect the Bus

Learn about the [bus cameras with MCPS](#) to help keep kids safe!

NAPT 2024–2025 POSTER CONTEST IMPORTANT INFORMATION

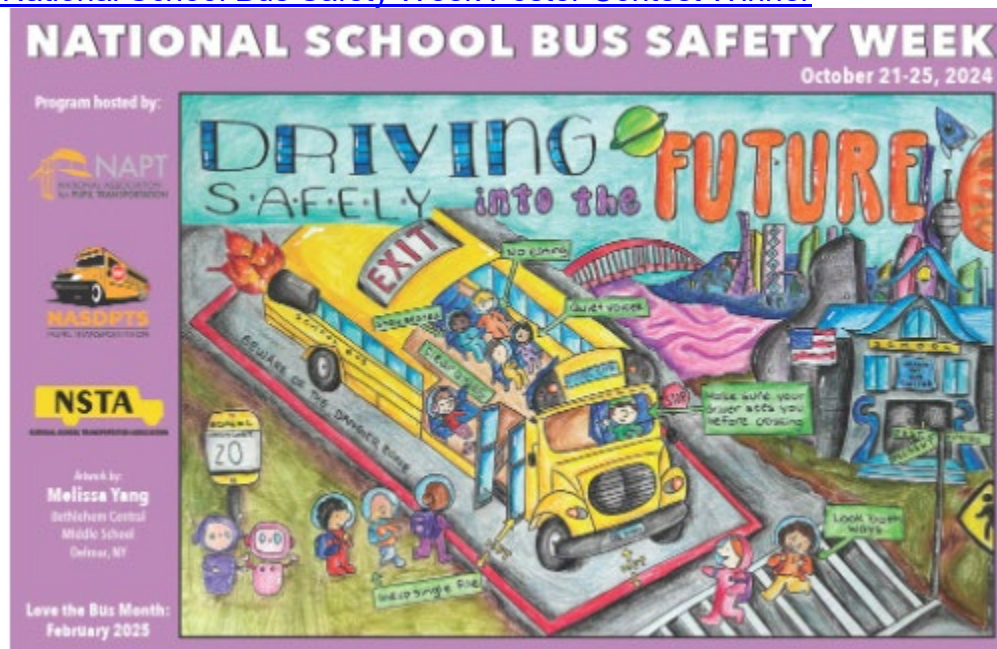
Theme: *Safety First - Safety Always* ([NSBSW Poster Contest](#))

Poster Creation Period: October 1, 2024–April 1, 2025

Submission Deadline: April 18, 2025 to the [State Director](#)

The centerpiece of National School Bus Safety Week is the Poster Contest. Thousands of school districts in over 40 states participate in local and state-level competitions to select artwork that depicts school bus safety-related themes and encourages and promotes school bus safety. The winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation for everyone.

[2023-2024 National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest Winner](#)



(Please note: The Poster Contest and National Bus Safety Week are two different events. The poster theme becomes the theme for the following year's National Bus Safety Week, which is an active and evolving public education program designed to promote school bus safety.)

Safety Tips and School Bus Laws for Families and Motorists

Here are safety tips and reminders about the Maryland School Bus Laws for families and motorists. Please share this information with your families as we promote National Bus Safety Week and educate the public about the importance of school bus safety.

[Stop On Red—Knowing When to Stop for School Buses—Zero Deaths Maryland & Vision Zero](#)

While riding a school bus is the safest mode of transportation for school children, let's get the facts straight on when it is – and isn't – OK to pass a school bus, when you should begin to slow down and how far away from the bus you need to stop.

[Maryland School Bus Laws and Safety Tips](#)

School buses are the safest way for children to get to school. Still, children are especially vulnerable as they get on and off the bus. In Maryland, bus safety laws are in place to help drivers safely navigate the roads where children might be crossing.

[Stop For School Buses: What Are The Laws In Maryland?](#)

Maryland State Police and the Maryland Center for School Safety remind motorists to stop for school buses.

- Pay attention when driving, especially in school zones and during times of day when school buses are typically on routes.
- Stop when a bus stops. It is illegal to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing.
- Prepare to stop when the school bus is flashing its yellow lights and be cautious of students beginning to move toward the bus during these times.
- Students of all ages are unpredictable. Therefore, prepare for the unexpected and maintain a safe distance from school buses at all times.

