

## SCHOOL BUS CROSSING HAND SIGNAL

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The use of a universal hand signal when crossing the road needs to be used every time when students cross the roadway. It shall be the same hand signal for all bus drivers and students.

1. When exiting the bus, the student(s) shall walk away from and about 5 paces or 10 feet in front of the bus on the shoulder of the road. At the same time the bus driver shall have their hand up in a “stop” position facing the student(s).



2. The bus driver shall keep their hand up while verifying that the overhead red crossing lights are flashing and that it is safe for the student(s) to cross. The student(s) shall stay on the side of the road during this process.

3. When it is safe for the student(s) to cross, the bus driver is to lower their hand out of sight of the student(s). This is the signal for the student(s) to cross. No other hand signals are to be used.

4. Students should walk (not run) across the roadway still checking for traffic in both directions.

5. In the case of an emergency, the driver shall honk the horn and the student is to understand that the horn is a signal to stop and wait for further instruction from the bus driver.

6. If needed, the bus driver can use the external bus P/A or an open window to communicate with the student(s).