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Back to School

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bus are going to be about 70 times safer than if they were to ride in a passenger car and 10 times safer than if they were walking to school," Hamel said.

Even with the many safety features a bus has, like its signature iconic yellow paint which has been around since 1939 and its warning lights, those features mean nothing if motorists don't take heed.

"Yellow flashing lights mean slow down, the bus is about to stop. The red flashing lights on a school bus means we're stopped, students are either loading or unloading, pay attention...just be patient and look out for the students."

Hamel said drivers should also know the laws; know when you're supposed to stop and to

stay about 20 feet behind a bus.

Though a crossing gate feature allows increased visibility of students who are about to load or disembark, it's also important the students themselves maintain an awareness of their surroundings.

"Pay attention to the bus driver," Hamel advised. "We're going to give you a thumbs up when it's safe to come to the bus and until that happens, stay about 10 feet away from the bus."

Once students embark on the bus, they should use handrails to keep balance from heavy bookbags or wetness from rain. After they're seated, Hamel recommends students to sit with their feet flat on the ground and their backs against the back of their seat. The seats are also designed for safety, with heavy duty padding and high back seats creat-

ing a protective area that absorbs and disperses an impact—known as "compartmentalization."

If kids get too loud or rowdy, it's customary for the bus to pull over until the students calm themselves and stay still so the driver can concentrate on the road.

"It's always fun to be first, everybody wants to be the first one off the bus. But you can't move until the bus is stopped. And that's for your safety."

When kids do move on the bus, they should walk, not run, Hamel said.

As for parents, Hamel recommends showing their child the bus stops and introducing their child to the bus driver.

"The bus driver is the first person you're going to see before you go to school and it's the last person you're going to see before you go home. So introduce them to that person."

First Student contracts with multiple school districts in Multnomah County and their buses

are equipped with GPS trackers. Some of the newer buses added to the fleet this year also have onboard sensors that gives a warning to "please sit down" if it detects a student—or unauthorized person—standing up on the bus for too long and an alarm sound rings until they are seated.

School bus drivers are also some of the most highly-trained, tested and scrutinized drivers on the road, with First Student drivers typically taking part in at least 50 hours of rigorous training and extensive background checks before taking the helm of the reinforced steel buses that weigh about the weight of two elephants, Hamel said.

"One of our best safety features are the drivers."

Nationally, First Student transports about 26 million passengers daily across 1,100 contracted school districts, which is more passengers-per-day than that of commercial airline flights, Hamel said.

Inferno Erupts from Dry Grass

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his gym had burned, and by Tuesday morning, fire officials confirmed the building was destroyed. A nearby bike park suffered some

smoke and water damage, but was still intact.

The cause of the fire was not known and under investigation. Neighbors reported hearing explosions during the fire, but officials

said the sounds could have been from burning tires exploding. 50 cars in a storage lot caught fire and were destroyed.

The Red Cross set up a disaster center at Mannahouse Church in northeast Portland to give people a place to evacuate from the flames and get water.

Tuesday, the Portland area continued to be under an extreme Red Flag fire danger warning, combined with an extreme heat advisory, prime conditions for fire to spread quickly. Temperatures were expected to reach in the high 90s through Wednesday before moderating to the 80s later in the week.



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