**What’s the difference between a public bus and a school bus?**

**Public Bus**

*DO NOT* cross in front of a public bus, unless it is stopped at a traffic light. Wait until the bus moves away. Then look both ways before crossing the street.

Drivers don’t have to slow down as they pass a stopped public bus.

**Public buses DON’T have flashing lights.**

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**School Bus**

You CAN cross in front of a school bus that is stopped and has flashing red lights.

School buses have flashing lights (yellow and red). They warn drivers to stop for children crossing. **But some drivers forget - WATCH OUT!**
Public buses take people to work, to the store, and to fun places around town.

Can you find eight things wrong with this picture?
PUBLIC BUSES HELP PREVENT TRAFFIC JAMS.
Help the public bus find the path to your home.
1. **Tell someone where you are going.** Know your home address and phone number. Know your bus route, number and name.

2. **Find the bus stop nearest your house.**
   Check the sign - is your bus number there? Check the direction the bus is going.

3. **Check above the front window for the number and name of the bus as it pulls into your bus stop.**
   Match this with the number and name of the bus you need. Wait on the curb at the bus stop sign. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
4. **Board (get on) the bus at the front door.**
   Check with the driver to make sure the bus is going where you want to go.

5. **Put your fare in the box next to the driver (it’s called a farebox).** Bring exact change, when possible.

6. **Find a seat or strand behind the driver and hold on tight.** Enjoy your ride. Remember, seats near the driver are for disabled and elderly citizens - please leave them empty. Remember also - no food, drinks, animals, or radios (except with headphones played quietly) on the bus.

7. **Watch for your stop.** Press the button or pull the cord above the window to let the driver know you want to get off the bus.

8. **Step off the bus carefully - don’t cross the street in front of the bus.** Wait until the bus pulls away and look both ways before crossing the street.