

YOUTH FATALITIES DURING SCHOOL TRAVEL HOURS

NHTSA FARS 2005 TO 2013 (FINAL), 2014 ARF



TEEN DRIVER: 57% ADULT DRIVER: 23% OTHER TRAVEL: 19%

SCHOOL BUS: LESS THAN 1%



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THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING SCHOOL BUS RIDERSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF SCHOOL BUS RIDERSHIP

Since the first all-steel school bus was built in 1930, it has been providing safe access to school for millions of students nationwide. Ridership has grown to over 26 million, and serves students of all ages from just about every type of community you can imagine. It's easy to take the school bus for granted, but the school bus needs your support to continue to serve.

For many districts with budget restraints, reductions in school bus services have become a real possibility. And when cuts to school bus services are made, it affects students' safe access to school, and significantly impacts the community as well.



SCHOOL BUS RIDERSHIP SAVES OVER 17 MILLION CARS FROM JOINING THE DAILY COMMUTE—MORE CARS THAN WOULD SPAN THE DISTANCE FROM MIAMI TO SEATTLE.

PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BUS BY SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON IT.



WHAT ARE COMMUNITIES WITHOUT SCHOOL BUS SERVICE REALLY SAVING?

One school bus carries the equivalent of about 36 cars. So cutting service can result in more gridlock traffic with longer commutes. And all those additional cars on the road also mean higher concentrations of pollution in the air.



SCHOOL BUS RIDERSHIP SAVES OVER 20 MILLION TONS OF CO₂ EMISSIONS—MORE THAN A 747 WOULD EMIT DURING A CENTURY-LONG FLIGHT.

In fact, the school bus saves approximately 62 billion miles of driving annually. Without it, families with school children could expect to spend more time on the road, and more time and money at the pump.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BUS

There's no question that the school bus plays an important role in thriving communities. But support is key in maintaining school bus ridership in your district. So what can you do to protect the school bus in your area?

- **Use it.** Demand supports the justification for funding. If you have school-age children with access to the school bus, why not send them to school on the safest ride in town?
- **Educate the community.** Spread the word about the many benefits of school bus ridership. Schoolbusfacts.com can provide you with resources.
- **Advocate for funding.** Communicate with locally elected officials in your area to let them know that access to school bus transportation is important to you.

SPREAD THE WORD. GET INVOLVED. SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BUS.

Find out what you don't know about school bus ridership. Visit schoolbusfacts.com to download material, and follow American School Bus Council at [facebook.com/lovethebus](https://www.facebook.com/lovethebus) to help spread the word.

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