



ROUTINE ESSENTIALS

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE – “RIDING THE BUS” SOCIAL SCRIPT



ACTIVITY GOAL

Students listen to a story about riding the bus.

MATERIALS

Provided:

- “Riding the Bus” book (Options A and B)

Needed:

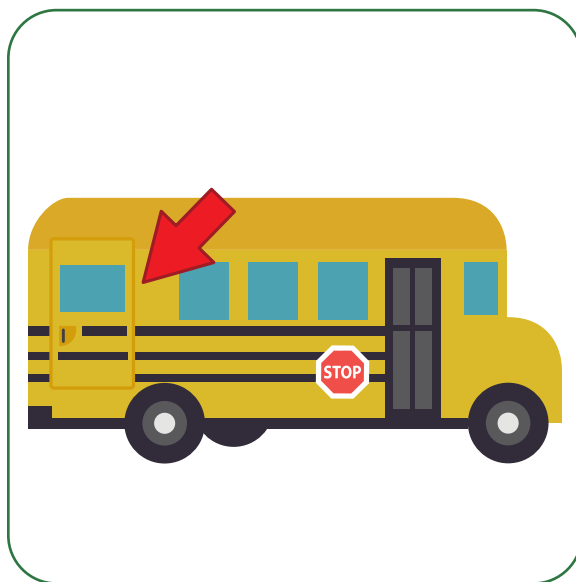
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stapler or hole punch (optional)
- Ring for binding purposes (optional)

PREPARATION

1. Review the provided book options, and determine which option(s) to prepare based on the needs of your student(s).
 - **Option A** describes a bus routine for students who use a wheelchair.
 - **Option B** describes a bus routine for students who do not use a wheelchair.
2. Print, laminate, and cut out the book pages.
3. Assemble the book pages in order, and staple them together or hole-punch the top left corner of the pages and secure them with a ring.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the “Riding the Bus” book to students who ride the bus as part of their arrival and/or departure routines. Reading the story frequently will help students understand and prepare for riding the bus to and from school.
2. Discuss the potential challenging situations that may arise when a student rides the bus. Model the strategies presented in the book, and encourage the student(s) to imitate.
3. Have the book available, and reference it as needed.



Riding the Bus

Arrival and Departure – "Riding the Bus" Book: Option A

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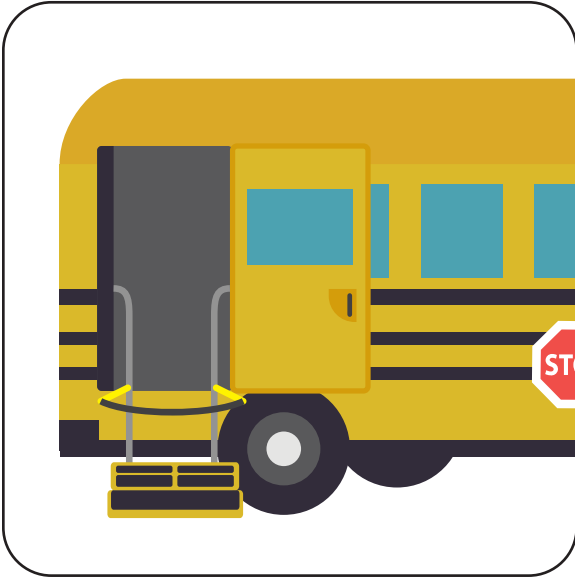


I can ride the bus!



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This is the bus that takes me to school and home. It has a special lift for my wheelchair.

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On the bus, there is a bus driver. There might be a bus aide. The bus driver drives the bus. The bus aide helps the students on the bus.

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They help me get on the lift and buckle me in. This keeps me safe when they raise the lift.

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Once I am on the bus, my wheelchair gets locked and buckled in to keep me safe.

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There are other students on the bus, too.

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The bus starts to move. It makes noise, but it's okay!

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I can cover my ears if it is too loud.

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I can wear headphones if the bus noises or voices of the other students bother me.

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The bus makes stops to pick up and drop off other students. I can wait for my turn.

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When the bus gets to school in the morning or to my bus stop in the afternoon, it is time to get off the bus.

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Riding the bus is so much fun!

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Riding the Bus

Arrival and Departure – "Riding the Bus" Book: Option B

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I can ride the bus!



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On the bus, there is a bus driver. There might be a bus aide. The bus driver drives the bus. The bus aide helps the kids on the bus.

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When I get on the bus, I find my seat. I always wear my seat belt to stay safe.

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There are other students on the bus, too. Usually, I will share a seat with another person.

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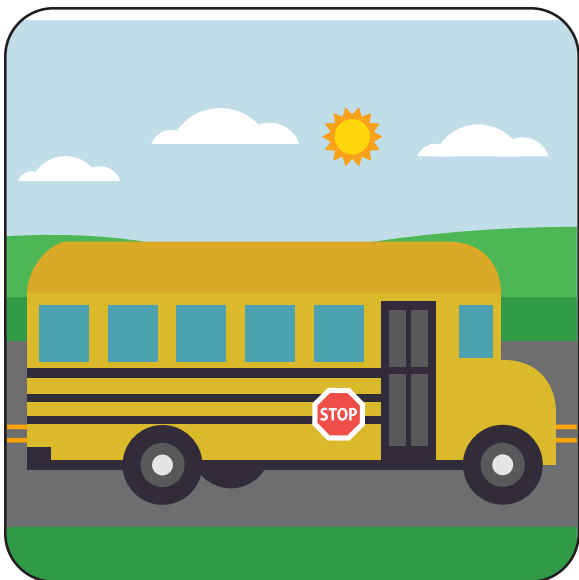


I can say hi to the person I'm sharing a seat with. I can also keep my body to myself so we both have enough space.

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The bus starts to move. It makes noise, but it's okay!

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I can wear headphones if the bus noises or voices of the other students bother me.

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The bus makes stops to pick up and drop off other students. I can wait for my turn.

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When we get to school in the morning or to my bus stop in the afternoon, I take off my seat belt.

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I go to the front of the bus and say goodbye to the bus driver and bus aide. Then I walk down the steps and leave the bus.

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