

POWERING OUR SCHOOLS

PROPANE AUTOGAS SCHOOL BUSES ARE BETTER FOR EVERYONE.



UNCOMPROMISED SAFETY

Propane autogas buses provide unmatched peace-of-mind for parents. The buses meet rigorous U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and are equipped with an automatic shut-off feature that prevents fuel flow to the engine when it's not running.

Compared with diesel engines, propane autogas engines are noticeably quieter when operating, which has a big impact on safety

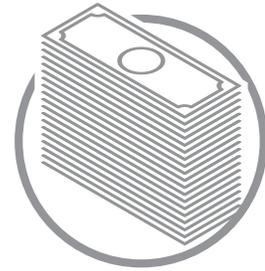
- Bus drivers are responsible for students' safety during transportation. A quieter bus allows bus drivers to perform their jobs in a much less chaotic environment.
- Easier to monitor students in the rear of the bus and take quick action in an emergency.
- Easier to concentrate on the road ahead and provide a safe ride to and from school.



NO MORE BLACK SMOKE

Schools can switch to propane autogas buses to protect students from dangerous diesel exhaust, a known carcinogen (capable of causing cancer) identified by the World Health Organization and the Environmental Protection Agency.

- The shorter height of younger students puts them face-to-face with a black cloud of diesel smoke every school day.
- Children in wheelchairs are especially vulnerable to inhaling diesel exhaust.
- Propane autogas buses do not aggravate the symptoms of students with asthma or other breathing-related issues.



MORE SAVINGS FOR WHAT COUNTS

When a school district switches from diesel buses to propane autogas technology, they're in a better position to afford what students need most.

- More teachers reduce class sizes for more individualized student attention.
- Everyday classroom supplies — pencils, markers, notebooks — which teachers may otherwise need to buy out-of-pocket.
- Savings can be used to fund special education programs and hire specialist educators.
- Funding for more robust fine arts and athletic programs that increase students' confidence and provide a well-rounded education.

► Officials from Omaha Public Schools in Omaha, Nebraska report their propane autogas bus fleet generates enough savings to hire **up to five additional classroom teachers.**

To learn more about propane autogas buses and how they can improve schools, visit BetterOurBuses.com.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CHECKLIST

According to the National Association of Pupil Transportation, school buses are the safest form of transportation to and from school. However, a bus stop on a busy morning can be a chaotic place. Here are a few basic guidelines parents can teach children to stay safe every school day.



GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

- Ensure loose drawstrings, chains or other dangling objects are removed from clothing, coats, and bags.
- Make sure they leave home on time so they can walk to the bus stop and arrive before the bus is due, typically at least five minutes before. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.



AT THE BUS STOP

- Wait in a location where the driver can see you as they drive down the street. Never wait in a house or car.
- Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is dangerous.



WALKING TO THE BUS STOP

- Walk your young child to the bus stop or have children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior: Walk on the sidewalk, and if there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street.



GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS

- Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow their instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child after school, wait on the side where they'll exit — *not* across the street. They might be so excited to see you that they run across the street without looking both ways.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about school bus safety, visit BetterOurBuses.com.