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Success on the Bus: Ten Tips for Students with ASD



1.

Know how the student communicates (verbal, communication system, pictures symbols, objects, etc.)

2.

Have a visual set of expectations (rules) posted on the bus.

3.

Review bus safety rules and positive behavioral expectations.

4.

Assure the students you are there to help them be safe.

5.

Always respond to students in a calm and steady demeanor.

6.

Provide student with sensory items to calm them during the ride.

7.

Know student interests, preferences and needs to assist with a smoother transition and bus ride.

8.

Prepare students for unexpected changes in the bus route routine when possible.

9.

Work with the school team to individualize what each student needs on the bus in regards to positive behavioral supports, communications systems, sensory items.

10.

Always consider the student's needs and directly ask them what they need when appropriate!



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