



# TIPS TO PREVENT BULLYING

First Student bus drivers and attendants are committed to safely and securely transporting each student, not only through their safe driving but also by fostering an environment of trust and respect on the bus. Bullying is a threat we take seriously, and we work to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school.

## **Our drivers and attendants work to create a positive bus climate and strive to:**

- Establish expectations for behavior.
- Be firm but not tough.
- Be courteous.
- Treat all students equally and consistently.
- Work to understand the ages and appropriate behavior stages of students on the bus.
- Watch and understand the students' behaviors.

## **All First Student drivers and attendants receive anti-bullying training and are empowered to:**

- Create a safe and respectful environment on the school bus.
- Establish and enforce bus safety rules.
- Recognize the signs of bullying and how to effectively intervene.
- Understand the additional challenges students with disabilities face.
- Empower children to report if they are being bullied or see bullying.
- Report all bullying incidents to management and school district customers immediately.

## **If you suspect your child is being bullied:**

- Ask questions and take time to listen to the answers.
- Speak to school authorities, a teacher, a bus driver or school counselor
- Assess the situation and determine what your child needs in order to feel safe.

## **Together, we can make a difference.**

First Student transports five million student journeys daily, which provides our drivers and attendants millions of opportunities to make a difference. By remaining focused on awareness, encouraging each driver or attendant to take action and collaborating with districts, we are working to end bullying, and build a safe and welcoming environment at every stop.