

# Lesson No. 1:

## STAY SAFE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

As classrooms reopen and routines return, it's time for a back-to-school refresher on safety — at the bus stop and on the road



### Prepare for the first bus ride

Riding the bus is a big step, especially for young students. To help your child feel prepared, walk or drive the school route together. Go over the family's morning routines. Review these important reminders with your child:

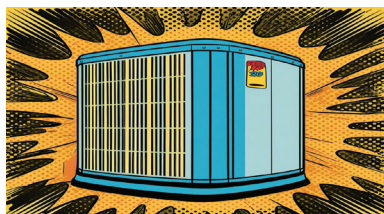
- Plan to arrive at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled pickup time.
- Wait in a safe spot, at least 10 feet away from the road.
- If your child can't board the bus directly at its stop, they should enter and exit the bus by walking in front of it — never behind.
- Wait for the driver's signal and always look both ways before crossing the road.



### Drivers, slow down!

It's easy to get distracted behind the wheel, but during the school year, it's especially important to stay alert and aware. Here are some tips on driving smart:

- Slow down in school zones and neighborhoods; look for speed limit signs as you approach the school.
- Watch for school buses. If a bus has red lights flashing and the stop-sign arm is out, you must stop.
- Avoid distractions, cell phone use, and obey crossing guards and traffic signs.
- Don't speed during your commute. Those few seconds you save aren't worth the risk.



### **SUPER** summer tip!

Use a garden hose to remove debris from the outdoor unit of your HVAC system.

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## Hey, kids! You can color to win!

We're celebrating the hardworking heroes who keep our lights on. Enter Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative's lineworker coloring contest for a chance to win a back-to-school bundle packed with supplies and surprises.

### HERE'S HOW TO ENTER:

Download the coloring sheet at  
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Color your best version of a lineworker on the job.  
Submit your entry by Friday, Aug. 22.

