Educational Activity

Goal: To teach students about school safety patrols
Facilitator: Student safety patroller or patrol chief
Time required: 20 minutes

Scenario

Ask students the following questions:

- Are you familiar with school safety patrols?

- Do you know any students who are on the school safety patrol?

- Where do you see safety patrollers? Possible answers: on the school bus, on street corners near school, on the schoolyard, inside the school

- Why do you think your school has a safety patrol and what do student safety patrollers do?

Team activity

Divide the class into small groups and ask them to answer the following questions:
What dangerous situations could happen…

- on the schoolyard?

- while getting on the school bus?

- while getting off the school bus?

- in the street?

Activity recap

- Go over the teams' answers.

- Introduce a student safety patroller and ask them to explain their role.

- Ask students what are the main instructions student safety patrollers give.

- Ask students to observe where school safety patrollers are posted.

Takeaways

Patroller's role

- Make sure students are safe as they move around the schoolyard, inside the school, on the school bus, and on the way to school
- Know the safety rules and remind classmates of them as needed

Safety rules for students on the schoolyard and in school:

- Silence is golden
- Don't run when leaving school
- No jostling in the school or on the schoolyard

Safety rules for school bus riders:

- Wait until the bus has stopped completely before you approach
- Get on in single file with no jostling
- After you get off, walk a safe distance away from the bus
- Before crossing the street:
    - Take at least ten steps toward the front of the bus so the bus driver can see you
    - Make eye contact with the bus driver
    - Look left, right, left again, and then over your shoulder before crossing

Safety rules for pedestrians:

- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Obey traffic lights and pedestrian signals
- Cross the street in single file
- Obey pavement markings
- No jostling