

## ***Why ride a School bus?***

***A great reduction in transportation costs.***

***Alleviates traffic congestion and pollution***

***Provides access to education.***

***Is the safest form of any type of travel.***

***10 times safer than walking***

***20 times safer than family car***

***50 times safer than riding with a friend***

***A School day starts and ends at your curb.***

**UTAHs' fleet of over 2,400 Yellow School Buses provide safe and environmentally friendly transportation to 175,000 children every day.**

-Over \$40 million are saved annually by transporting our Utah school children on school buses.

-Over 11 million gallons of fuel are saved each year, with over 86,000 fewer vehicles on the road each day in Utah.

-With each bus replacing 36 vehicles, traffic congestion is reduced and harmful particulate matter is reduced by thousands of pounds!

-Nationally for every 32,500 children transported, one life is saved each year. In Utah, that is at least five lives saved each year!

## **More Safe School Bus facts to learn and share:**

The National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Department of Transportation and other authorities agree that school buses are the safest form of transportation for getting children to and from school.

Each day approximately 475,000 school buses nationwide carry 25 million children, more than half of America's schoolchildren.

Safety features including the color and size of school buses, height, reinforced sides, flashing red lights, cross view mirrors, and crossing and stop sign arms ensure children are protected and secure on and off the bus.

School bus drivers are highly trained professionals who have your child's safety in mind. They receive specialized training in student behavior management, loading and unloading, security and emergency procedures.

Drivers participate in pre-employment and random drug/alcohol testing, as well as frequent driving record checks, background checks and periodic medical exams to keep their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a School Bus Endorsement current.

The school bus industry operates by a set of safety, security, health and driver qualification guidelines that meet, and in some cases exceed, federal and state laws, and ensure that school buses are the safest mode of transportation for our nation's schoolchildren.