

SAFE STUDENT RAVEL

- ✓ **Know your route:** Ask an adult to help you figure out and practice the best way to get to and from school before the first day of school. This includes not just the MBTA routes - make sure you know how to navigate your home and school neighborhoods, too!
- ✓ **Know your options:** Get to know several different ways to get where you need to go -- different buses and trains -- and know the times they leave in case you miss one!
- ✓ **Identify people who can help:** MBTA employees, police officers, teachers, community members, City Year Corps members, and other friends of BPS can help you and answer questions as you travel.
- ✓ **Be alert:** Don't wear your headphones in both ears, and know what's going on around you.
- ✓ **If you see something, say something:** If you notice anything unsafe or unusual, report it to a nearby MBTA official. You can also take pictures and send information directly to the MBTA Transit police using the See Say app. Download the app at <http://bit.ly/LDPFAq>
- ✓ **Be on your best behavior.** Act politely and calmly, avoid escalating any situations, and respect the personal space and property of the people around you.
- ✓ **Keep your phones, wallets, money, and other valuable items in your bag:** Don't tempt people who may want to take your stuff.
- ✓ **Watch the yellow lines!** Whether you're on the bus, train, or platforms make sure you stay within the designated safe areas.
- ✓ **Hold on:** If there's no room to sit, hold on to the poles for safety in case of a sudden turn or stop.
- ✓ **Listen** for announcements while you're on the bus or train to learn about any service changes, updates, and to know where your stop is. announcements.
- ✓ **Travel with friends.** Whenever possible, travel with your friends to be safe and to help you make the right decisions if presented with a dilemma.

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