Aloha! My name is SOAR, and as you can see, I’m a Hawk, in Hawaiian an ‘Io. The one thing I REALLY love is riding the school bus.
But sometimes, I see people doing things on the bus that aren’t safe. And when one person does something unsafe, it makes the ride unsafe for everyone!
So what is safe school bus behavior? All you have to do is remember my name, SOAR.
Safe
Orderly
And
Respectful

SOAR stands for S: Safe,  O: Orderly, and R: Respectful.
Let me tell you a story about this kid who was riding the bus last week. His name was Eddie.

First, when Eddie was waiting at the bus stop, he dropped his lunchbox and went to pick it up by stepping into the DANGER ZONE without giving the SOAR signal to the bus driver.
What’s the SOAR signal? It’s when you stand in the SAFE zone and flap your arms like me! Then, when the bus driver sees you, he or she will give you a thumbs up to pick it up if it’s safe, or a thumbs down to leave it on the ground.
Another time, before school, Eddie didn’t wait before crossing the street to get from his house to the bus! He just ran across the street!
What he should have done was wait for the bus driver to give the two finger sweep, like this.
Once Eddie saw his bus driver give him the two finger sweep he knew he could safely cross the street. Remember, if you hear a horn, that means DANGER. Look for the danger and get out of the way.
Once on the bus, Eddie should NOT run or jump on the bus, but just calmly use the hand rail and find a seat.
After school, Eddie does the same thing! Just gets off the bus and runs across the street behind the bus to get home. That is NOT safe.
What he should do is wait for the driver to hold their finger in the air like this. That’s how you know it’s safe to get OFF the bus. Look left, right and left again for danger. And once you get across the street then take six giant steps away from the bus, outside the danger zone.
Since Eddie has to cross the street, the driver will help him cross half way and then STOP. Look left, right and left again for danger. And then, cross the other half of the road to safety. And, again, the horn is a warning signal! If you hear it DON’T CROSS.
One time, there was an accident on the bus and we all had to get off the bus quickly. That’s called an EVACUATION. You go through these drills at school.
If there’s ever an emergency, listen for instructions. Even if you’re scared, listen to the driver. It’s really important that you get off the bus safely and orderly. Otherwise, someone could get hurt.
But, most likely, you won’t need to worry about that. What you DO need to remember EVERY DAY is how to stay safe on the bus and report any bullies to your bus driver.
Remember Kids, SOAR with me on the school bus.