

BUS CONDUCT

Because school bus passengers' behavior can directly affect their safety and the safety of others, the following regulations apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including on field trips and other special trips. School personnel, parents/guardians and the students themselves all must see that these regulations are followed:

1. Students shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.

(cf. 3540 – Transportation)

2. Students will be picked up and left off only at their designated bus stop, unless they present a written permit from the parent/guardian to the office for verification.
3. Students should arrive at their designated bus stop on time and stand in a safe place at the stop to wait quietly for the bus.

(cf. 3541 – Transportation Routes and Services)

4. Students boarding the bus will form a single line in the designated area, six feet back of the pick-up point.
5. Seats may be assigned at the discretion of the driver.
6. Students must stay seated while bus is in motion and until driver releases them. They may exchange seats only with the driver's permission, when bus is not in motion.
7. Students must keep all parts of the body inside the bus and feet on the floor.
8. Students shall not use tobacco products while riding the bus.

(cf. 5131.62 – Tobacco)

9. Students may not throw trash or any other article from or inside the bus at any time.
10. The driver is in complete charge of the bus, just as the teacher is in the classroom. Students riding the bus must obey the driver at all times.
11. Any damage caused to a school bus by students will be investigated by school authorities to determine responsibility, and parent/guardian shall be liable for all damages so caused.

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12. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)

13. No glass containers may be taken on the bus.
14. Service animals are permitted on school transportation services; all other animals are prohibited. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)

(cf. 6163.2 – Animals at School)

15. No balls or bats are permitted on the bus.
16. Students may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or similar devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the bus driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus.

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

17. Students should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
18. Students should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the District's transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.

(cf. 3543 – Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

Riders who fail to comply with the above rules shall be reported to the school principal, who shall determine the severity of the misconduct and take action accordingly. In all instances of misconduct, the rider and his/her parent/guardian shall be given notice and warning. In the case of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined by the principal, up to the remainder of the school year.

Bus drivers shall not deny transportation except as directed by the principal.

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