

STUDENT CONDUCT ON THE SCHOOL BUS

The bus driver is responsible, not only for the bus, but also for the conduct of all the pupils on the bus.

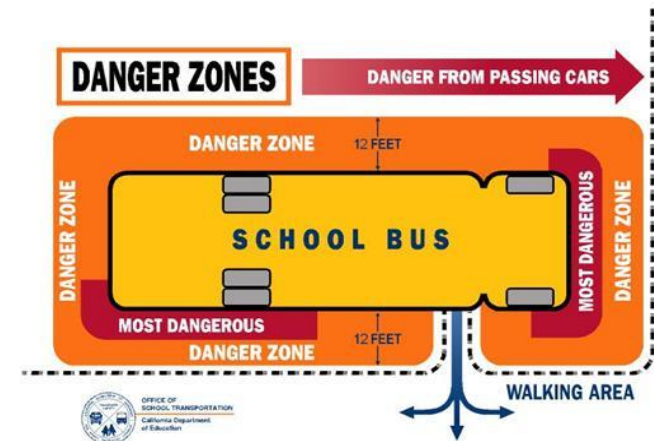
Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to the driver of the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation in accordance with regulations of the governing board of the district. The driver of any school bus shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils transported. No bus driver shall require any pupil to leave the bus before such pupil has reached their destination. Please note that video surveillance cameras are used on some district buses. Boarding the bus is consent to audio and video recording.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

1. Bus passes identify students and appropriate bus routes and **must be carried at all times**. Punch passes are available for students who occasionally ride the bus, and may be used on a "space available" basis. Replacement passes (lost or damaged) are \$10.00. Punch passes are non-refundable if lost or damaged.
2. Pupils will wait at the bus stop in an orderly manner. Students will not push or crowd while entering the bus. Students are to arrive at stop five minutes before scheduled departure time. After school, students have 5 minutes to walk to the bus after bell time.
3. Students needing to cross the street in which the bus is stopped to load students, must wait for the bus driver to exit the bus, stop traffic, and escort student across the street in front of the bus.
4. Students shall inform the driver when needing to cross the street the school bus is traveling.
5. Unless directed by the bus driver, students may not move out of their seats or stand at anytime. Pupils must sit in their seats facing forward, and keep their feet out of the aisle and off the seats. The aisle must remain clear of backpacks, etc.

6. Pupils may only be picked up and discharged at their designated stops. Exceptions may be made if written permission from the parent/guardian is received 24 hours in advance, and if it can be accommodated.
7. Students are not permitted to put their arms or any other part of their body outside of the bus.
8. Pupils will not annoy or interfere with other passengers while on the bus or at loading sites. NO pupil will damage the bus or property at the bus stop.
9. Throwing papers, lunch bags, books, or other objects in or out of the bus is not permitted.
10. Pushing, shoving, hitting, poking, spitting, tripping, fighting, bullying, or threatening violates safety regulations and will not be tolerated. Violation of this rule will result in an immediate suspension from the bus, and no reimbursement for unused service will be provided.
11. Pupils will not make sudden movements, loud noises, or disturbances that may distract the attention of the bus driver.
12. Students will not yell or make physical gestures at cars or at people on the street.
13. The following items are prohibited from the school bus: Animals, insects, or pets of any kind (dead or alive); knives, weapons, any type of assault or propelling materials (rubber bands); pressurized or glass containers or inflated balloons; skateboards, scooters, band and athletic instruments/equipment or objects larger than the lap of students.
14. Use or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, or drugs is prohibited at all times.
15. No eating or drinking is allowed, unless otherwise directed by the driver.
16. Parents/guardians are liable for any damage to the bus by their students. Pupils responsible for damage will be subject to disciplinary action.

17. The radio is a privilege, and will be turned on at the discretion of the driver and only when it is quiet enough to be heard.
18. Students may use cell phones with discretion at appropriate times, and must be turned off if directed by the driver. No photos may be taken with cameras or camera phones.
19. Students may not tamper with or handle equipment on the bus such as emergency door fixtures, door fixtures, door openers, dashboard equipment, steering wheels, etc.
20. Disciplinary action will be taken if students are disrespectful to the driver, refuse to obey instructions, use profane language, or make inappropriate remarks.
21. Students are to observe all rules of safety and proper conduct at the bus stop. Due to the height and size of the bus, there is an area around the outside of the vehicle where it is very difficult for the driver to see the students called the "danger zone." Misbehaving at the bus stop can lead to a situation where a student is pushed into this zone. Please insure that your children are aware of this area, and are at least twelve feet away from the school bus at all times unless loading and unloading the bus.



TIPS FOR WALKING TO AND FROM BUS STOP

1. Go directly to the bus stop and directly home at the end of your bus ride.
2. Plan and use the safest route with the fewest streets to cross.
3. If possible, cross at a signaled intersection. Always use the crosswalk. Before crossing, look left, right and left, and over your shoulder for traffic. Continue to look as you cross the road.
4. Students needing to cross the street, in which the bus is stopped to load students, must wait for the school bus driver to exit the bus, stop traffic, and escort student across the street in front of the bus.
5. Watch for turning vehicles.
6. Do not dart from between parked cars or shrubbery.
7. Never accept a ride from a stranger.
8. If possible, face traffic when walking on roads without sidewalks, and always use caution.
9. Be careful during times of sunrise and sunset, bad weather, and during darkness (wear white clothing or something reflective.)
10. Leave home early to **avoid running** to your bus stop or school.
11. All students, including kindergarteners, are dropped at their bus stop, even if an adult is not present to meet them. Children should know how to get home, or to daycare, on their own.

CONDUCT TIPS FOR SCHOOL BUS, LOADING ZONES AND BUS STOPS...

1. Stand in lines or a group facing traffic so you can see the bus approaching. Stand back 12 feet from where the bus will stop. Do not approach the bus until the driver opens the bus door.
2. When loading at a school, follow the directions of the driver and/or teacher on bus duty.

3. Make sure you are getting on the right bus. Many buses service our district at many of the same bus stops. Verify that you are entering the correct bus.
4. Teach your child to ask the driver or teacher on bus duty for help if something drops near the bus. NEVER go under or stoop down in front of any bus to retrieve papers or other items. The bus driver cannot see you in the "danger zone" or under the bus.
5. Never, **never run** to a bus; always walk.
6. Destroying property, playing in or running across the street or any horseplay is dangerous and prohibited.
7. Do not bring pets to a bus stop.
8. Large school projects, large band instruments, razor scooters, and skateboards cannot be transported on the bus. Please make other arrangements to get your child's items to school.
9. When the bus is stopped to load or unload, the students are the direct responsibility of the bus driver, and the driver's directions must be followed.
10. School buses can only stop at designated bus stops. If you miss the bus, have mom or dad take you to another bus stop or directly to school. Remember **never** run after your bus once it leaves!
11. If waiting for the bus in a car, be on the same side of the road as the bus stop.

SAFETY TIPS TO FOLLOW, WHEN CROSSING THE STREETS...

1. Always let your bus driver be the first person off the bus. The driver needs to activate the bus's "red lights" that flash on the outside of the bus. This warns cars to stop for children at each bus stop and for children crossing the street.
2. Once your driver is off the bus, you can walk down the bus steps, and wait on the sidewalk, next to the bus, for your bus driver to direct you to cross the street. Never go out into the street without the bus driver telling you to do so!

3. Always walk between the front of the bus and the bus driver who is in street stopping traffic, as you cross the street.
4. Once you are on the other side of the street, stay on that side of the street. Do not play in the street. Go directly home.

SAFE BUS OPERATIONS...

1. School buses and student activity buses shall not be operated whenever the number of passengers exceeds bus seating capacity, except when necessary in emergency situations which require that individuals be moved immediately to insure safety.
2. School bus operations shall be limited when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home-to-school transportation services. Bus drivers for school activity trips shall have the authority to discontinue bus operation whenever they determine that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility. (Vehicle Code 34501.6)
3. Students may not be released during a school bus accident until the California Highway Patrol, or Official Police/Patrol Officer, arrives at the scene and releases students. Therefore, students may be delayed getting home when a bus experiences an accident or bus breakdown. We do not encourage parents to come to the school bus during a breakdown or accident to receive their child; but if you do, please have your driver's license or identification so we may confirm all students are safely given into the custody of an authorized person. You may call Transportation to get current information on the bus status. Transportation will send notification updates via email, text, or phone during a bus accident or breakdown.

This information has been provided to assist parents and students in understanding the policies and procedures the Rocklin Unified School District Transportation Department has implemented to insure the safe transportation of your children. It is through increased parental awareness and communication with our community that we feel we can meet this goal, and we appreciate your support. Please review this information with your student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Transportation Contact Information:

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 Director: 916 624-9106 ext. 7404