

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

STUDENT CONDUCT

Each student riding a bus is expected to obey these student conduct rules:

Enter and leave the bus in an orderly manner in single file. No physical playing or rough conduct is allowed at any time.

When boarding the bus, show the driver your bus pass (if school uses passes).

Remain properly seated at all times and keep head and other parts of the body inside the bus and out of the aisle.

Avoid loud conversation and singing.

Do not play musical instruments inside the bus.

Ask the driver's permission before opening windows and only put the windows down half way.

Follow any additional directions given by the bus driver or monitor.

Eating, drinking, chewing gum, and smoking are not allowed on the bus.

Respect the rights of others inside and outside the bus.

BUS STOPS AND SEATING

Students will be assigned to a specific route and stop. Students may board and leave their bus only at the assigned stop and may be assigned to a specific seat on the bus.

BUS STOP CONDUCT

Many bus stops are designated at school sites, corners in residential areas. Students should be respectful of others' property. The bus stop is NOT a playground. Students should not play, push, shove, or throw objects while waiting for the bus. Drivers are supposed to stop ten (10) feet from the students. Please leave room for the bus to stop away from your child.

DESIGNATED PICK-UP TIME

Students are expected to be at the designated bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the arrival of the bus in the morning. Buses will not leave a stop before the designated pick-up time. Students should wait fifteen (15) minutes past the designated time before returning home to inquire about a late bus (when there is more than one student at the stop, the student who lives closest should go home). The pick-up and delivery times of each bus should be consistent within approximately fifteen (15) minutes, although buses may be later if rain, fog, break downs or traffic occurs.

TRAVEL TIME

Parents/guardians should be prepared for changes in buses, routes, stops, and times of pick-up throughout the school year that result from adding or dropping students in the program. Overall travel time will vary from route to route depending on school and student home locations.

STREET CROSSINGS

All students who must cross the street after leaving a school bus must use a crosswalk with traffic signal or cross under the protection of red signal lights of the bus. Students in elementary, middle, and junior high schools will be escorted by the driver while crossing the street if a traffic signal is not available. Please instruct your children **NOT TO CROSS** the street diagonally or behind the bus.

The red signal light and escort services are not usually provided on morning trips to school. Students should arrive at the bus stop ten (10) minutes before the designated pick-up time.

Parents/guardians picking up and/or dropping off students at the bus stop should park safely away from the stop, but on the same side of the street as the bus stop to avoid the possibility of a student being hit by traffic while crossing the street.

ANIMALS

Students are not allowed to bring pets-including those in cages and on leashes-on board a school bus. The only animals that may be transported are guide dogs, service animals, and signal dogs as specified in Civil Ed Code 39839, Code Section 54.2 for students with disabilities.

PERSONAL ARTICLES

Students are not permitted to bring on the bus any articles that the driver or monitor considers to be dangerous or that may cause injury. Plastic bags should not be used to carry personal belongings. Lunches must be packed in appropriate containers. Messages or instructions to the school principal or teacher should be attached to special ed children's clothing with tape.

LOST ITEMS

Parents/guardians or students can telephone the school or Transportation Services Department about lost items (408) 347- 5291. Neither the bus driver nor the school, however, will be responsible for personal belongings left on the bus. Lost items are not retained or safeguarded by the bus companies or the school district.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

When a student's behavior is unacceptable or rules have been disobeyed, the driver will file a written report with the school site administrator. The administrator will investigate the incident and take appropriate action.

When a student's misconduct is of a nature that does not jeopardize the safety or welfare of other students or interfere with the operation of the bus, counseling may be appropriate. Suspension is considered when a student's behavior could jeopardize other passengers or the safe operation of the bus, when repeated counseling fails to correct behavior, or when a student damages a bus. Parents/guardians will be notified of disciplinary action taken by the school administrator. Some school buses may be equipped with video cameras to ensure safety and deter misbehavior.