

Transportation Policy

The Board of Trustees operates, through the Transportation Coordinator, a fleet of buses for the sole purpose of transporting students to and from school with no additional charge being levied for such service. Under no conditions will the buses be used for other transportation needs such as church or non-school club activities. Any non-school related requests will require approval from the Board of Trustees.

Bus Rules for Students

School buses come under the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education Code, the California Vehicle Code and the California Highway Patrol. Do not expect your driver to make exceptions to these rules since you will be asking him to break the law which will jeopardize his license.

1. Pupils must be on time and waiting at the bus stop. The driver must pass them if they are not on time.
2. Pupils must be taught that it is their responsibility to cooperate and obey the commands of the bus driver.
3. Absolutely no rowdiness will be allowed on the bus, which also includes shoving, hitting, wrestling, throwing books, swinging lunch pails, etc.
4. No one is to leave a seat while the bus is in motion.
5. No eating or drinking on the bus.
6. Paper or other debris is not to be thrown on the floor or out of the windows.
7. Heads and arms are to be kept inside the bus at all times.
8. Pupils are not to shout or talk to pedestrians or motorists.
9. After leaving the bus, pupils must go to their homes; they must not play or cross the street or road again after being escorted by the driver.
10. Permission to leave or board a bus at other than the normal stop is to be cleared with the school teacher or parents with written permission to the bus driver.
11. Students are to report any damage to seats or other parts of the bus in order that they may not be charged with responsibility for such damage.
12. No animals, dead or alive, may be transported on the bus. (This includes insect collections.)
13. Any pupil scratching, cutting, or damaging any part of the bus will be charged for such damage.
14. Any pupil persisting to disobey the above rules will, after due warning, be given a citation, after which such pupils may be denied transportation.

Regulation of the Board of Education relating to operation of school buses reads thus: Article IV --1085 (Authority of Driver) --"Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and are responsible directly to the driver of the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation."

In case of bus failure or any mechanical defect which makes the bus unsafe, we must immediately remove it from service. In this event, we will inform the parents as soon as possible if they must transport their own children.