

BUS CONDUCT

Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.

The Pupil Transportation Cooperative shall establish regulations related to bus conduct, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. The Pupil Transportation Cooperative shall make these rules available to parents/guardians and students who ride the bus.

- (cf. 3540 et seq. - Transportation)
- (cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities or Handicaps)
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
- (cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal Reference:

- EDUCATION CODE
 - 35160 Authority of governing boards
 - 38020 Transportation
 - 44808 Duty to supervise conduct of students
 - 48918 Expulsion procedures
 - 49061 Definition of student records
 - 49073-49079 Privacy of student records
- GOVERNMENT CODE
 - 6253 Public records open to inspection
 - 6254 Records exempt from disclosure
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
 - 14103 Authority of the driver
- UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
 - 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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

(cf. 3542 - Authority of School Bus Drivers)

2. Riders should arrive at the bus stop on time and stand in a safe place to wait quietly for the bus.
3. Riders shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
4. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion and shall not obstruct the aisle with their legs, feet, or other objects. When reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus stops and only then enter the aisle and go directly to the exit.
5. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers.
6. Serious safety hazards can result from noise or behavior that distract the driver. Loud talking, laughing, yelling, singing, whistling, scuffling, throwing objects, smoking, eating, drinking, standing and changing seats are prohibited actions which may lead to suspension of riding privileges.
7. No part of the body, hands, arms or head should be put out of the window. Nothing should be thrown from the bus.
8. Riders shall help keep the bus and the area around the bus stop clean. Riders shall not damage or deface the bus or tamper with bus equipment.
9. No animals or insects shall be allowed on the bus.
10. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus.

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 warnings by P.T.C. In the case of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time with the concurrence of the principal, up to the remainder of the school year.

Pupil Transportation Cooperative shall not deny transportation except with the concurrence of the principal.