

Book: CUSD Policies

Section: E: Support Services

Title: Bus Safety Program (Student Checklist)

Code: EEAE-EA

Status: Active

Arriving at pickup point:

- Be on time. Leave home in good time so that you will arrive at the pickup point ten (10) minutes before the school bus's scheduled arrival.
- If you have to walk along the road to reach the bus stop, walk on the left side facing oncoming traffic.
- Walk on the shoulder of the road where possible, and not on the traveled portion.
- If you must cross a street to get to your bus stop, use existing crosswalks and traffic signals. If necessary, wait until the bus's stop arm is extended and traffic has stopped before attempting to cross the street.
- If other students are waiting at the bus stop, get in line without pushing or crowding and stay off the roadway.

Board the bus:

- Line up in single file parallel to the roadway, with younger students in front, so they can board first.
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to get on board.
- Board the bus quickly but without crowding or pushing.
- Never run on the bus.
- Place your foot squarely on the step, not on the edge, and use the handrail.
- Be particularly careful if you are carrying books or parcels, as it is difficult to see the steps and to hold the handrail.
- Go directly to your seat and sit straight, well to the back of the seat, and face the front of the bus.

Conduct on the bus:

- The bus will not move until all passengers are seated.
- Remain seated throughout the trip, and leave your seat only when the bus has reached its destination and comes to a complete stop.
- Sit facing forward toward the front of the bus, with your back against the seat back and all parts of your body clear of the aisle.
- Keep your books and parcels on your lap or put them under the seat or on the luggage rack.

- Keep the aisle clear.
- Do not talk to the driver except in case of emergency.
- Avoid doing anything that might disturb or interfere with the driver. Refrain from loud or boisterous talking or yelling.
- Never stick hands, arms, head, or feet out of the windows of the bus.
- Do not open windows without the driver's permission.
- Do not throw anything within the bus or out of a window; you might injure a pedestrian or force a motorist to make a dangerous maneuver.
- Do not touch the emergency door or exit controls or any of the bus safety equipment.
- Do not discard refuse in the bus.
- Eat at home or school, but not on the bus.
- Obey promptly the directions and instructions of the school bus driver.

Prohibited items:

- Tobacco is not allowed in a school bus.
- Alcoholic beverages shall not be carried in a school bus.
- Insects, reptiles, or other animals shall not be transported in a school bus, except service dogs, as defined in A.R.S. 11-024, which assist passengers with disabilities. [A.A.C. R17-9-104]
- No weapon, explosive device, harmful drug, or chemical shall be transported in a school bus.
- Except for eyeglasses, glass objects are not to be carried or transported on a school bus.

Exit from the bus:

- Remain seated until the bus has reached its destination and comes to a complete stop.
- Do not push or crowd when leaving the bus.

Crossing the highway:

- If you must cross the road, walk to a point about ten (10) feet in front of bus but do not cross until you can see that the driver has indicated that it is safe to do so.
- As you cross the road, look continuously to the right and left to avoid oncoming traffic. At an intersection, look in all directions.
- Cross at right angles. Never cross the highway diagonally.

- Walk briskly across the road, but do not run.
- Never cross the road behind the bus.

Accident or other emergency:

- In case of an accident or emergency, older students should help the driver to maintain order and assist younger students.
- Stay in the bus unless otherwise directed by the driver.
- If you have to leave the bus, stay in a group and obey the driver's instructions.
- Do not expose yourself or others to needless hazard.

Procedures followed upon student misbehavior on school bus:

- When a student misbehaves on a bus for the first time, depending on the violation, the driver will ascertain the student's name and explain to the offender the necessity for good behavior.
- If the rider continues to violate the rules, the driver will follow the District's safe student transportation program.
- When a student is not allowed transportation by school bus, the principal will inform the parents of the penalty, the reason for it, and how long the penalty will last. In such cases, the parents become responsible for seeing that their child gets to and from school safely.
- A student who is put off one (1) bus will be refused transportation by all drivers for the specified period of time.