

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Students
BUS CONDUCTBus Rider Rules

The following rules apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including when on school activity trips:

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.
2. Riders should arrive at their designated bus stop on time and stand in a safe place at the stop 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 sit down and fasten any passenger restraint systems. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
5. Riders shall not block the aisle or emergency exit with their body or personal belongings. Riders may bring large or bulky items, such as class projects or musical instruments, on the bus only if the item does not displace any other rider or obstruct the driver's vision.
6. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
7. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.
8. Riders shall not use tobacco products, eat, or drink while riding the bus.
9. Riders may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or similar devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the bus driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus.
10. Riders shall not put any part of the body out of the window nor throw any item from the bus.
11. 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.
12. Service animals are permitted on school transportation services; all other animals are prohibited. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)
13. Upon reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and upon the signal from the driver, unfasten any restraint system, enter

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the aisle, and go directly to the exit.

14. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the County Superintendent's transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.

The driver or any passenger shall report any violation of the County Superintendent's bus rules to the lead site administrator or designee. The lead site administrator or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the misbehavior, determine the severity of the misconduct, and take action accordingly. In instances of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined appropriate by the lead site administrator or designee.

Bus drivers shall not deny transportation services except as directed by the lead site administrator or designee.

Bus Surveillance Systems

To the extent any buses used by the County Superintendent contain a surveillance system, the County Superintendent or designee shall monitor the use and maintenance of the system. Students are prohibited from tampering with any bus surveillance system. Any student found tampering with the system shall be subject to discipline and shall be responsible for the costs of any necessary repairs or replacement.

Camera supports may be installed in all buses. Cameras may be rotated among the buses and activated at the discretion of the County Superintendent or designee.

The content of any recording may be a student record and then may only be accessed in accordance with policy and administrative regulation concerning student records.

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