
FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**Business and Noninstructional Operations**
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCIESTransportation Safety Plan for Boarding and Exiting Buses

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop a transportation safety plan containing procedures for school personnel to follow to ensure the safe transport of students. The plan shall address all of the following: (Education Code 39831.3)

1. Determination of whether students in grades prekindergarten through 8 require an escort to cross a private road or highway at a bus stop pursuant to Vehicle Code 22112
2. Procedures for all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 to follow as they board and exit the bus at their bus stops
3. Boarding and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination
4. Procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus, student activity bus, or, if applicable, youth bus
5. Procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany students on a school activity bus

A copy of the plan shall be kept at each school site and made available upon request to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). (Education Code 39831.3)

Student Instruction

Students who are transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety. The instruction shall include, but is not limited to, the location of emergency exits and the location and use of emergency equipment. The instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit. (Education Code 39831.5; 5 CCR 14102)

Bus Accidents

The County Superintendent or designee shall maintain a report of each accident that occurred on public or private property involving a school bus with students aboard. The report shall contain pertinent details of the accident and shall be retained for 12 months from the date of the accident. If the accident was not investigated by the CHP, the County Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the report to the local CHP within five work days of the date of the accident. (13 CCR 1234)

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The County Superintendent or designee shall review all investigations of bus incidents and accidents to develop preventative measures.

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Legal References

Education Code

39830-29843	School buses
39860	Transportation to school activities
51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety

Penal Code

241.3	Assault against school bus drivers
243.3	Battery against school bus drivers

Vehicle Code

22112	School bus signals; roadway crossing
23123.5	Mobile communication devices; text messaging while driving
23125	Wireless telephones in school buses
27316-	Passenger restraining systems
27316.5	
28160	Child safety alert system
34500- 34508	California Highway Patrol responsibility
415	Definition of motor vehicle
545-546	Definition of school bus and student activity bus