

Transportation

Safety Plan

For

Dry Creek Joint Elementary

School District

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN

Education Code Section 39831.3

Determine if pupils require escort pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision of section 22112 of the Vehicle Code.

The district shall identify school bus stops on route instructions where students may require escort, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) section 22112 of the Vehicle Code. At such school bus stops, the school bus driver shall determine which students require escort.

Procedures for all pupils to follow as they board and exit the appropriate school bus at their school or school bus stop.

1. Pupils shall follow the instructions of the school bus driver, who is in charge at all times.
2. Pupils shall board and exit the school bus only at bus stops designated by the school district superintendent or superintendent's designee.
3. Pupils shall not approach the school bus to board or leave their seats to exit until the school bus has come to a complete stop, the flashing red lights activated and front door has been opened.
4. Pupils shall board and exit the school bus in an orderly manner.
5. Pupils who require escort pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of section 22112 of the Vehicle Code shall:
 - A. Wait for the school bus driver to exit the bus first.
 - B. After exiting the school bus, cross the roadway only when the school bus driver tells them it is safe to do so.
 - C. Walk straight across the roadway between the school bus driver and the front of the bus.
 - D. After crossing, shall stay clear of the roadway.
6. Pupils who do not require escort pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of section 22112 of the Vehicle Code shall:

- A. In an orderly manner, immediately leave the vicinity of the bus.
 - B. Stay clear of the roadway.
7. Pupils may only board and exit a school bus at their designated school bus stop. It is the District's policy to deny transportation for student's to/from a location other than their home. For example, students wishing to accompany a friend home for the purpose of an overnight stay or a group project or birthday party will not be allowed to ride the bus to that location.
8. Each student will possess a picture bus pass, which identifies them with their name, location of bus stop, route number, school of attendance and how long the pass is good for. They must have this bus pass in their possession when entering the bus. Students who do not ride the bus daily may purchase a punch card to ride the school bus when they need to.

State of California - Vehicle Code 22112

School Bus Signal and School Bus Stops

22112. (a) On approach to a school bus stop where pupils are loading or unloading from a school bus, the school bus driver shall activate an approved amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, beginning 200 feet before the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall deactivate the amber warning light system after reaching the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall operate the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the school bus, at all times when the school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils. The flashing red light signal system, amber warning lights system, and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any place where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer or at any location identified in subdivision (e) of this section. The school bus flashing red light system, amber warning lights system, and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any other time.

(b) The school bus driver shall stop to load or unload pupils only at a school bus stop designated for pupils by the school district superintendent or authorized by the superintendent.

(c) When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, at a location where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer, the driver shall, before opening the door, ensure that the

flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm are activated, and that it is safe to enter or exit the school bus.

(d) When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, at a location where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer or official traffic control signal, the school bus driver shall do all of the following:

1. Escort all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped. The driver shall use an approved hand-held "STOP" sign while escorting all pupils.
2. Require all pupils who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped to walk in front of the bus as they cross.
3. Ensure that all pupils who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped have crossed safely, and that all other pupils and pedestrians are a safe distance from the school bus before setting the school bus in motion.

(e) Except at a location where pupils are loading or unloading from a school bus and must cross a highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped, the school bus driver may not activate the amber warning light system, the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm at any of the following locations:

1. School bus loading zones on or adjacent to school grounds or during an activity trip, if the school bus is lawfully stopped or parked.
2. Where the school bus is disabled due to mechanical breakdown. The driver of a relief bus that arrives at the scene to transport pupils from the disabled school bus shall not activate the amber warning light system, the flashing red light system, and the stop signal turn.
3. Where a pupil requires physical assistance from the driver or authorized attendant to board or leave the school bus and providing

the assistance extends the length of time the school bus is stopped beyond the time required to load or unload a pupil that does not require physical assistance.

4. Where the roadway surface on which the bus is stopped is partially or completely covered by snow or ice and requiring traffic to stop would pose a safety hazard as determined by the school bus motor carrier.
5. On a state highway with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour or higher where the school bus is completely off the main traveled portion of the highway.
6. Any location determined by a school district, with the approval of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to present a traffic or safety hazard.

(f) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, the Department of the California Highway Patrol may require the activation of an approved flashing amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, or the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the school bus, at any location where the department determines that the activation is necessary for the safety of school pupils loading or unloading from a school bus.

FOGGY DAY BUS SCHEDULE INFORMATION

According to the California Vehicle Code Section **34501.6**, during home-to-school operations if roadway visibility drops to 200 feet or below, the bus routes will be delayed until the fog has lifted and it is safe for the School Bus Drivers to continue

California Vehicle Code 34501.6. States;

The Governing board of a local education agency that provides for the Transportation of pupils shall adopt procedures that limit the operation of School buses when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200Ft or less during regular Home-to-School transportation service. Operational policies for school activity trips shall give school Bus Drivers discretionary authority to discontinue school bus operation if the driver determines that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility.

ACTION 1 – It is recommended that all drivers check **KFBK AM Radio 1530** for morning news and weather updates for the Roseville and Sacramento/Antelope areas.

ACTION 2 – It is recommended that all drivers check **KCRA Chanel 3 News** in the morning for any reports on weather and fog.

ACTION 3 – If a driver determines that it is unsafe to continue, the driver shall remain at a “Safe Location” until they feel that the fog has cleared and they can continue. *The driver shall immediately notify the Supervisor or Dispatcher.*

ACTION 4 – The Supervisor or Dispatcher will immediately follow up to check on all students who may be at School Bus Stops and notify the Schools and parents of the delay. It is important that parents advise their students of what to do and where to go when the morning buses are cancelled or their student misses the bus

Reduced Visibility may also be because of smoke, wind, rain and dust or other miscellaneous atmospheric conditions that could limit visibility less than 200 feet

Modifications, cancellations and delays may also affect operation of Field Trips. Due to the nature of patchy fog some areas may experience fog and other areas may be clear.

The Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District transportation department covers **CVC 34501.6** in our annual In-service at the beginning of the school year and a written notice to all drivers is provided with a signed acknowledgement.

A current copy of this plan shall be retained by each school and made available upon request to an officer of the California Highway Patrol.