



Franklin-McKinley School District

PREPARING ALL CHILDREN AS GLOBAL LEARNERS

TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

It is the goal of the Franklin-McKinley School District to provide the safest transportation for your child. If at any time you should have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at 408-283-6080. The following rules have been established for the safety and comfort of your child.

I. School Bus Loading Zones

- Stay back from the curb and streets.
- Keep off private property.
- Be ready to board when the bus comes. Form a single file line.
- Be at your designated bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time. If a child misses the safe opportunity (when the red-lights are flashing) to board the bus, it is the parent's responsibility to get the child to school. Once the bus doors close, they cannot reopen it.
- Never cross behind the bus.

II. Boarding the Bus

- Stay back from the curb and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the doors to open before boarding.
- Use the handrail going up the steps.
- No pushing and shoving.
- Move directly to your seat.

III. While the Bus is in Motion

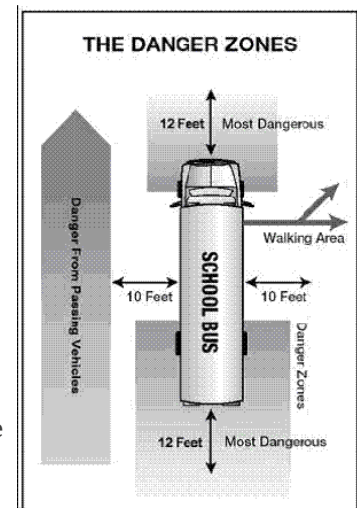
- Remain seated at all times.
- Never extend your head, hands, or anything else out the windows.
- Standing is not allowed.
- Objects are not to be thrown out of windows or doors.
- No weapons, food, or glass containers are allowed on the bus.
- The directions of the bus driver are to be followed at all times.
- No smoking on the bus.
- Possession/use of cell phones and other mobile communications devices are only allowed to be used if determined by a licensed doctor. Students may possess or use personal electronic devices including but not limited to cell phones and games as long, as they do not disrupt the school activity, bus ride. (ED Code 48901.5)

IV. Unloading from the Bus

- Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver has opened the door.
- Unload from the front seat to the back seat.
- No pushing or shoving.
- Always use the handrail going down the steps.
- Move away from the bus.
- Never try to retrieve anything from under the bus or near the wheels, notify the bus driver immediately.
- Never cross behind the bus.

V. School Bus Danger Zone

- The bus driver cannot see all the way around the bus. That is why we have established a school bus danger zone.
- Never stand or cross behind the bus.



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- c. Never crawl under the bus to hide, or get something under the bus.
- d. Never stand by the rear wheels.
- e. Always stand at least 12 feet back from the side of the bus.

VI. Red Light Crossing

- a. The Superintendent has determined that it is unsafe to perform red light crossings of our students because of the heavy amount of traffic on our streets.
- b. In the event a red light crossing becomes necessary, please follow the procedure listed below:
 - 1. Unload from the bus and wait in a line on the side of the bus until the driver has gone out to the middle of the street to make sure no traffic is coming.
 - 2. Once the driver has determined that it is safe to cross the street he/she will signal for the students to cross.
 - 3. Never attempt to cross the street until the bus driver has signaled that it is safe to do so.
- c. Parents are to ensure that students are waiting on the correct side of the street prior to the bus arriving.

Reference: I - VI - FMSD Board Policy AR3543 & AR 5131.1

VII. Bus Routes

Your school will provide you with the route number, bus stop, and the time your child has been assigned.

VIII. Walking Zones

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist. Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy.

- a. Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if they meet the following hazardous walking condition criteria listed below:
 - 1. K-8 George Shirakawa School students living in the Communication Hill, San Jose Ave, and Monterey Highway attendance areas.
 - 2. K-6 Franklin Elementary School students living in the Umbarger Rd, Lewis R, Lone Bluff Way and both sides of 7th street.
 - 3. TK-6 Captain Jason Dahl School students residing east of Senter Rd and south of Dadis Way.
 - 4. K-6 Stonegate students residing east of Senter Road.
 - 5. 7-8 Bridges and Sylvandale no home-to-school transportation.
- b. Students with disabilities who have transportation as a related service in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) are provided transportation. Service is provided in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). When the IEP specified service is to be provided by the District, it is provided via school bus, district van, contracted van, contracted car service, VTA and/or Taxi.
- c. Foster and Homeless students, who are eligible for transportation by the criteria above, or by Bus Service Request, are also provided transportation services via school bus, district van, contracted van, contracted car services, VTA and/or Taxi. The type of service is dependent on factors such as where the student is currently residing, location of the attending school, availability of scheduled services and time in transit.
- d. Eligible unduplicated students are offered transportation via school bus or VTA at the discretion of the District. If a student lives in an area serviced by school bus, the student is assigned to one the District's Standard Bus Stops. Students who qualify for free transportation utilizing the Federal Poverty Guidelines shall not be charged a fee for transportation. Students who are under foster guardianship or Certified McKinney-Vento students shall not be charged a fee for transportation.

Reference: Education Code 39800.1 & FMSD Board Policy AR3541

IX. Bus Driver Authority

- a. Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of

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the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation in accordance with regulations of the governing board of the District. The driver of any school bus shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils transported. No bus driver shall require any pupil to leave the bus before such pupil has reached his/her destination.

- b. A bus driver shall have the authority to discontinue the operation of a school bus whenever he/she determines that it is unsafe to continue.
- c. Any person who enters a school bus without prior authorization of the driver or other school official and who refuses to disembark after being ordered to do so by the driver or other school official is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, be fine of no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

Reference: Education Code 39842. Reference: FMSD Board Policy AR3542

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