



# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

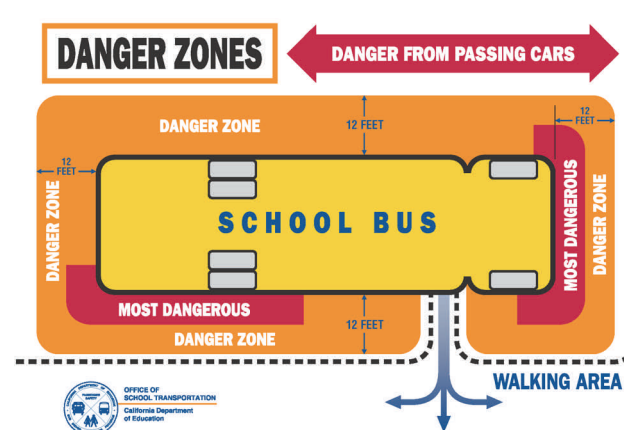


## WALKING TO AND FROM BUS STOP

1. Go directly to and from the bus stop.
2. Plan the safest route with the fewest streets to cross.
3. If possible, cross streets and corners using crosswalks. Look in all directions before crossing and when safe, walk across the street. Always obey traffic signals. If a student needs to cross the street that the bus is on then, the student must be escorted by the driver. This is the law.
4. Watch for vehicles that might be making a turn.
5. Do not dart from between parked cars or shrubbery.
6. Never accept a ride from a stranger.
7. If possible, face traffic when walking on roads without sidewalks, and always use caution.
8. Be extra careful during times of sunrise and sunset, bad weather, during darkness (wear white clothing or something reflective).
9. Leave home early enough so you don't have to run.

## CONDUCT AT SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE & BUS STOPS

1. Stand in lines or a group facing traffic so you can see the bus approaching. Stand back 12 feet from where the bus will stop. Do not approach the bus until the driver opens the bus door.
2. When loading at a school, follow the directions of the driver and/or teacher on bus duty. Stand back the required 12 feet until the bus driver opens the bus door. Remember, there may be several buses to watch out for, not just your own.
3. **Never** go under any bus to retrieve something you have dropped. Ask the driver or teacher to assist.
4. **Never** run to a bus, always walk.
5. Destroying property, playing in or running across the street or any type of horseplay at a bus stop is dangerous and prohibited.
6. Do not bring pets to a bus stop.
7. When the bus is stopped to load or unload, the students are the direct responsibility of the bus driver and the driver's directions must be followed.
8. School buses can only stop at designated bus stops. If you miss the bus have mom or dad take you directly to school. Remember; **never** run after your bus once it leaves!
9. When waiting for the bus in a car, be sure your car is not parked in the bus loading/unloading zone.



## WHEN CROSSING THE STREET

1. Dry Creek School District bus drivers cross all students—kindergarten through 8th grade—who need to go across the street as they depart the bus. Be sure and tell your bus driver that you cross the street, so he or she can safely prepare the bus for the driver to escort the students.
2. The driver needs to activate the bus “Red Lights” that flash on the outside of the bus to warn cars to stop for children loading or unloading the bus and crossing the street at all bus stops. Always let your bus driver be the first person off the bus.
3. Once your driver is off the bus, you can walk down the bus steps and wait on the sidewalk, next to the bus, for your bus driver to direct you to cross the street. Never go out into the street without the bus driver telling you to do so!
4. Always walk between the bus and the bus driver as you cross the street.
5. Once you are on the other side of the street, stay on that side of the street. Do not play in the street. Go directly home.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Students are required to:

1. Arrive at your designated bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Use only his/her appropriate bus stop.
3. Arrange for the transport of live animals, insects or reptiles to or from school by a means other than the bus.
4. Not bring hazardous or destructive objects of any kind, such as firearms, weapons, glass objects or containers, explosives, sharp or pointed objects, skate boards, ball bats.
5. Respect the rights and property of others at the bus stop, on the bus, or when getting on or off the bus.
6. Avoid all fighting and rough play while at the bus stop, on the bus, or when getting on or off the bus.
7. Always enter and leave the bus through the entrance door except in emergencies.
8. Remain quiet at railroad crossings.
9. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus.
10. Not use profane language, obscene gestures; create excessive or unnecessary noise.
11. No student or group of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel.
12. Not damage or deface any part of the bus, tamper with the radio, bus controls, emergency exits or other equipment, shoot at or throw away objects inside or outside of the bus, or in any way endanger the safety of others.
13. Help keep the bus safe and free from litter by not eating, drinking, or smoking on the bus.
14. Be courteous and respectful to the bus driver, other students, and passers-by.
15. Obey the request of the bus driver; give proper identification when requested.
16. Always cross in front of the bus with the bus driver’s supervision when it is necessary to cross the street.

## DISCIPLINE PROCESS

### VIOLATIONS

Students who violate any of the rules and regulations will receive a Misconduct Citation and will be subject to a normal progression of penalties.

In case of severe misconduct, students may be assigned penalties more severe than provided for in the normal process.

All other school district rules and regulations, together with other penalties, shall apply to conduct on buses and shall be administered by the principal or other appropriate school authorities.

The driver is responsible for notifying the parent of severe violations. The normal progression of penalties for violations of the rules and regulations on the bus are:

- a. First Violation—Warning by driver/notification of parent.
- b. Second Violation—Three (3) day suspension from riding bus/notification of parent and school staff.
- c. Third Violation—Two (2) week suspension from riding bus/notification parent and school staff.
- d. Fourth Violation—One (1) month suspension from riding bus/notification of parent and school staff.
- e. Fifth Violation—Suspension from riding bus for the remainder of the school year/notification of parent and school staff.

### CONSEQUENCES MAY DIFFER BASED ON SEVERITY OF THE MISCONDUCT OR VANDALISM. EACH INCIDENT WILL BE HANDLED INDIVIDUALLY.

It is important that incidents, which jeopardize the safety and well being of students, employees and the general public, be brought to the attention of:

- The Transportation supervisor at 770-8882
- The appropriate school site staff

The details of the incident must be provided so appropriate corrective actions will be taken. Details such as names of people involved, witnesses, time of the incident, and route numbers will assist in the resolution of the problem.