

**WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**TRANSPORTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SAFETY**

**SAFETY RULES:**

1. Students are to get on and off at their designated stops only.
  - a. Exceptions will be made if there is written permission by parent or guardian which is approved by the principal or designee.
  - b. To account for unanticipated variances in the bus schedules, pupils should be at their bus stop five minutes earlier than the scheduled time for the bus.
  - c. Students who ride the bus are required to go immediately to the bus stop upon departure from their home in the morning.
  - d. Unless students are required to transfer buses, they are not to get off the bus until they reach their school. They are required to report home immediately after being discharged from the bus in the afternoon.
- No elementary student will be allowed to board or get off the bus at the Lincoln High School without prior approval from the Transportation Department.
2. Students shall observe all rules of safety and proper conduct while waiting for the bus. Students should be at a safe distance (at least twelve (12) feet) from the bus while it is approaching a stop or leaving a stop.
3. Students shall stand back away from the bus in an orderly line at pick up points until the bus comes to a complete stop.
4. Students shall enter the bus in an orderly fashion and go directly to a seat.
5. Before leaving the bus, students shall remain seated until the bus stops, then enter the aisle and go directly to the exit door.
6. All students must remain seated while the bus is in motion. Standing, changing seats, or sitting in a fashion for which the seats are not intended is prohibited.
7. Students shall not distract the attention of the driver from the main task of safe operation of the bus. Examples of behavior which might distract the driver include, but are not limited to: pushing, shoving, hitting, poking, tripping, fighting, loud talking, scuffling, throwing things, and noise making objects.
8. Students are to remain quiet at all **railroad crossings**.
9. Students shall not yell at people along the streets or in other vehicles.
10. Students shall always keep all parts of their bodies within the bus.
11. Animals (dead or alive), insects or pets of any kind, shall not be transported on a school bus.
12. Students shall not throw any object out of the bus.
13. Glass containers are not allowed on the bus.
14. Students shall not handle bus equipment, emergency door fixtures, door opener, dashboard equipment, steering wheel, radio, or sit in the driver's seat, etc. Damages done to buses shall be paid for by those found guilty of such damage.
15. Students are not to touch another person or person's property. Students will always keep hands and feet to themselves.
16. Knives, weapons (loaded or unloaded), or other instruments of assault are not allowed on the bus.

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17. Eating, drinking, and chewing gum on the school bus is not allowed.
18. Profanity and disrespectful language is not allowed.
19. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed on the school bus.
20. Students shall not litter on the bus.
21. Radio volume should not be loud enough to be a distraction for the bus driver.
22. The bus driver will move students from one seat to another at his/her discretion.
23. State law requires all students to cross streets in front of the bus during red light escorts, never behind.
24. Students shall not loan bus passes or use bus passes that do not belong to them or attempt to obtain transportation services without paying the proper fees.

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

Negative student behavior is prohibited while waiting for the bus, riding the bus and exiting the bus. Failure to behave in a restful way to the bus driver and fellow students will be subject to progress restrictions of bus privileges.

Behavior violations will be subject to the following progressive actions:

- **First Violation:** Warning citation to student by Transportation Director/designee and communicated to the principal.
- **Second Violation:** Two (2) days denial of transportation with parent notification.
- **Third Violation:** Three (3) days denial of transportation with parent notification.
- **Fourth Violation:** From five (5) days up to two weeks denial of transportation with parent notification.
  - After the fourth behavior violation, students with an IEP must attend an IEP meeting with school administration
- **Further Violations** may result in denial of transportation from one semester up to one full school year.
  - For students requiring transportation as part of their IEP, alternatives to in-district transportation may be required. Such a decision will be discussed as part of the IEP meeting above

**Depending on the severity of the violation and the circumstances, the above actions may be modified.**

5 C.C.R. Sec 14103

(a) Pupils transported in a school bus or in a school pupil activity bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. 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. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus enroute between home and school or other destinations.