



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

TIPS FOR WALKING TO AND FROM THE BUS STOP & CROSSING THE STREET

1. Go directly to the bus stop and directly home at the end of your bus ride. Plan and use the safest route with the fewest stops.
2. If possible, cross at a signaled intersection. Always use the crosswalk. Whenever students cross any street, they must remember to stop, listen, look left, look right and look left again, and over your shoulder before crossing the street. Continue to look as you cross the street.
3. Students needing to cross the street in which the bus is stopped to load students must wait for the school bus driver to exit the bus, stop traffic and escort the students across the street in front of the bus.
4. Do not dart from between parked cars or shrubbery.
5. Students should NOT talk to strangers, or accept rides from strangers.
6. Arrive early, but no more than 10 minutes before the bus is due to arrive. Avoid running, or distractions when crossing streets or approaching the bus.
7. Be careful during times of sunrise and sunset, bad weather, and during darkness. Wear something reflective or white clothing when possible.
8. Students who are walking home from the bus stop should know how to get home without an adult escort.
9. Always let your bus driver be the first person off the bus. The driver may need to activate the bus's "red lights" that flash on the outside of the bus. This warns cars to stop for children at each bus stop and for children crossing the street. **Never play in the street.**

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INFORMATION

Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to the driver of the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for be denied transportation. California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 14263.

School bus rules of conduct are established first and foremost to ensure that all students have a safe ride to and from the destinations. The school bus is an extension of the classroom, and appropriate behavior is expected at all times. For those who are unable to follow the established rules, a series of sanctions are applied that are appropriate to the offense. Remember, riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right.

Thank you for reading and understanding the information included in this pamphlet. This information has been provided to assist parents and students in understanding in the necessary safety measures to insure the safe transportation of your children. Please discuss this information with your student. Please understand that your student will be responsible for abiding by these rules. Please be aware that your student's transportation privileges may be revoked for failure to follow the information provided in this pamphlet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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**PARENTS — PLEASE BE AWARE THAT
BUSES MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH
VIDEO SUVEILLANCE CAMERAS!**

BUS CONDUCT & SAFETY RULES

1. Students are to respect the property at the bus stop and conduct themselves in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus. As the bus arrives, students should be at least twelve (12) feet back from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the driver has opened the bus door. Student conduct at the bus stop should be the same as required on school grounds. Actions such as littering, spitting, throwing any object, vandalism, pushing, shoving, smoking, and harassment of others will not be tolerated.
2. As required by VC 22112, when students need to cross a street or road upon which the school bus is stopped, the driver shall activate the flashing light system. When safe to do so, the driver of the school bus is required by law to escort students in grades K through 8 across the street using a hand-held stop sign. Students shall always cross the street in front of the bus, but not until they have been instructed to do so. Students will walk, not run, completely across the roadway.
3. Students shall fasten any passenger restraint systems and keep them fastened during the entire bus ride.
4. The bus driver will determine the order of students' entrance and seating on the bus.
5. Once aboard the bus, students are to find their seats quickly and remain seated at all times, facing front while the bus is in motion. They are to stay seated until the bus comes to a full and complete stop.

6. Orderly behavior is required while aboard the bus. Abusive body contact (fighting, slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, etc.) is not permitted. Students are to talk quietly. Shouting, yelling, boisterous behavior, horseplay, profane language, obscene gestures, or any unnecessary noise may distract the attention of the driver and therefore is prohibited for the safety of all passengers.
7. Students are to keep all body parts inside the bus at all times. Littering, vandalism, or throwing anything on or out of the bus will not be permitted.
8. Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are not allowed on the bus. No smoking is allowed on the bus at any time.
9. Animals (mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, insects, etc.), unprotected glass containers, skateboards, aerosol cans of any type, matches, lighters, radios, dangerous objects such as knives, scissors, guns or alcoholic beverages and drugs may not be carried aboard the bus.
10. Students must never open, close or tamper with any part of the bus or its equipment, unless specifically instructed to do so by the driver. Students are to stay out of the driver's compartment unless instructed to do so by the driver, or an emergency requires a student to secure the bus.
11. Parents/guardians are liable for any damage caused by their students. Students may be subject to discipline.
12. Students are to stay out of the **DANGER ZONE**.
13. The **DANGER ZONE** is the space around the school bus. It radiates out from the school bus by 12 feet. The school bus driver cannot see students in these zones.

Students are to move away from the bus door quickly and stay clear of the wheels. They are not to go after anything that rolls or falls under or in front of the bus. They are to tell the driver about it. Never reach back into the bus through the window.

