



TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

2026-2027 BUS RIDING RULES

Bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to follow all Transportation Department rules, school rules, and driver instructions while utilizing District transportation services.

1. Be On Time

- Arrive at your bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled pickup time.
- Never run to or from the bus.

2. Practice Safe Bus Stop Behavior

- Arrive at your bus stop on time and wait in an orderly manner.
- Follow all Bus Stop Safety Rules, Street Crossing Procedures, and School Bus Danger Zone requirements contained in this Transportation Packet.
- Follow all loading, unloading, and street crossing instructions provided by the School Bus Driver.
- Do not push, shove, horseplay, engage in unsafe behavior, or enter the roadway without authorization.

3. Follow Driver Instructions

- Follow the School Bus Driver's instructions at all times.
- Disrespectful, disruptive, or defiant behavior is prohibited.
- Students must remain silent at railroad crossings as required by law.

4. Prohibited Items

The following items are not permitted on District transportation:

- Food, drinks, candy, or gum
- Glass containers
- Perfume, cologne, aerosol sprays, or similar products

- Balloons
 - Toys, skateboards, scooters, skates, bats, balls, or similar recreational equipment
 - Tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia
 - Lighters, matches, fireworks, or flammable materials
 - Weapons, replica weapons, or dangerous objects
 - Pornographic, obscene, or inappropriate materials
 - Any item that creates a safety hazard, distracts the driver, interferes with the safe operation of the bus, violates District policy, or violates the law
- Prohibited items may be confiscated by Transportation staff.

5. Remain Seated and Wear Your Seatbelt

- Remain seated facing forward with feet on the floor while the bus is moving.
- Wear your seatbelt at all times on buses equipped with passenger restraint systems.
- Keep aisles and emergency exits clear.
- Do not move seats without driver permission.
- Drivers may assign seats at any time.

6. Keep Hands, Feet, and Objects Inside the Bus

- Keep all body parts inside the bus at all times.
- Do not throw objects inside the bus, out of the bus, or at the bus.

7. Respect Others

- Fighting, bullying, harassment, intimidation, threats, retaliation, horseplay, or unwanted physical contact are prohibited.
- Excessive noise, yelling, screaming, profanity, vulgar language, gang-related behavior, or inappropriate gestures are prohibited.
- Conduct that distracts the driver or disrupts the safe operation of the bus is prohibited.

8. Respect District Property

- Do not damage, deface, vandalize, or misuse District vehicles or equipment.
- Parents/guardians may be held financially responsible for damage caused by their student.

9. Use Your Bus Pass Properly

- Carry, present, and scan your valid bus pass each time you board and exit the bus.
- Use only your assigned bus pass, route, and designated bus stop.
- Do not alter, duplicate, share, misuse, or use an expired bus pass.

10. Follow Transportation Assignments

- Ride only your assigned route and use your designated bus stop.
- Do not board or exit the bus at unauthorized locations.
- Do not ride District transportation during a transportation suspension.

ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- Students must follow all District policies, school rules, and Student Handbook requirements while riding District transportation.
- Violations may result in warnings, suspension, or loss of bus riding privileges. Serious safety violations may result in immediate suspension.
- District vehicles may be equipped with video and audio recording systems. Recordings may be used to investigate incidents and support disciplinary actions.
- The District is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property brought onto District transportation.
- Any item confiscated by Transportation staff or left on the bus must be claimed by a parent/guardian within thirty (30) days.

STUDENT SAFETY IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and efficient transportation environment for all students.

"We are dedicated to safely transporting tomorrow's future."