

# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES



## SUSD RULES FOR BUS RIDERS

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Stockton Unified School District Governing Board has adopted rules and regulations to assist students in understanding their responsibilities while riding buses of the school district. These rules will assure safe and proper travel to and from school and are to be observed while riding the bus and waiting at school bus stops. The following list of student actions constitute violations of the established rules and requirements:

1. Abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair, etc.) in or when loading or unloading bus.
2. Fighting on the bus or at the bus stop.
3. Using other than the student's regularly designated bus stop.
4. Using profane language or obscene gestures.
5. Unauthorized exits (from emergency doors, windows, etc.)
6. Putting any part of body out of bus window at any time.
7. Any movement OUT of seats while bus is in motion.
8. Riding bus after receiving no ride penalty.
9. Legs, feet and objects obstructing aisle or facing to the rear in seats.
10. Creating excessive noise.
11. Any improper bus stop procedures (not lining up, rock throwing, playing in streets, any property damage at bus stops, etc.)
12. Unauthorized opening, closing or tampering of any kind with bus doors.
13. Any type of damage or defacing of bus.
14. Lighting of matches, cigarettes, smoking on bus.
15. Throwing any objects in, out of, or at the bus.
16. Littering of any kind.
17. Transporting live animals, reptiles or insects on a school bus.
18. Eating or drinking on the bus.
19. Disrespect to the bus driver.
20. Giving improper identification when requested by driver.

21. Tampering with radio or bus controls.
22. Failure to obey driver.
23. Failure to remain quiet at all railroad crossings.
24. Endangering life and limb of other people.
25. Other unauthorized or unsafe actions.

Section 39831.5 of the Education Code

## WALKING TO AND FROM THE SCHOOL BUS STOP

1. Leave home on time so you will arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before your stop time.
2. Walk to the bus stop with an older person or another student, if possible.
3. Walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
4. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing the traffic.
5. Watch out for all traffic. This means bicycles, motorcycles, cars, trucks, buses and tractor trailers.
6. When you have to cross the street, cross only at corners. Check for traffic - to the left, to the right - before you start to cross the street.
7. Always walk across the street. Don't run!
8. Never play in the street.
9. Don't take a ride from anyone. If someone wants to talk to you, quickly walk away and tell your bus driver, teacher or parents.
10. Always help younger children to learn the rules correctly.
11. Always be careful!!!

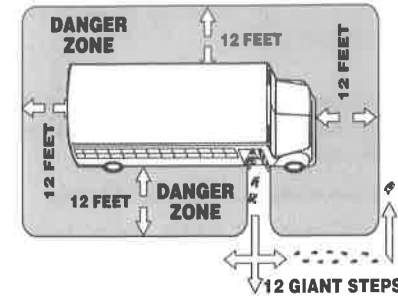
## GENERAL RULES AT SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE

1. Leave home in time to get to the bus stop about 5 minutes before the bus comes.
2. Line up in one line, on the sidewalk or side of the road, to wait for the bus.
3. Do not push or play at the bus stop.
4. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

5. Talk quietly with your friends.
6. Keep your papers and property with you.
7. Wait until you hear the "whoosh" from the parking brake before you start toward the bus.
8. Do not talk to strangers or persons you do not know.

## SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONE

The school bus danger zone is a 12 foot area around the entire school bus, except for the entrance door.



## RED LIGHT CROSSING INSTRUCTIONS

Vehicle Code 22112 states that the driver of a school bus shall operate the flashing red signal lights, as required on the school bus, at all times when the school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils who must cross the street or road upon which the school bus is stopped.

The driver shall stop or unload pupils only at a school bus stop designated for pupils by the school district superintendent or authorized by the superintendent for school activity trips.

1. Students must stay seated until the school bus comes to a complete stop and the parking brake is set.
2. The driver will check for approaching traffic in all directions and activate the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, if equipped, only when safe to do so.
3. The driver checks for approaching traffic again and ensures that the red lights are working, that the traffic is stopped and it is safe to exit the bus.

4. The driver is the first person off the bus. (S)he walks approximately six feet in front of the bus, checks the flashing red lights outside the bus, enters into the traffic lane, looking in both directions.
5. When the driver is sure that it is safe, the pupils are then notified by eye contact that it is safe to exit the bus and cross the street.
6. The driver shall hold a hand held stop sign and remain in the middle of the road until all pupils who need to cross have crossed safely.
7. All pupils shall walk across the road in front of the bus and, between the bus and the driver.
8. Once you have crossed the street, do not come back across.

## CALIFORNIA CODE REGULATIONS TITLE 5 SECTION 14103

Authority of the driver:

(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.

(b) Governing board shall adopt rules to enforce this section.