

MIDWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BUS STOP CONDUCT PROCEDURES:

School Bus Rider Information Upon Registration (Ed. Code 39831.5)

1. Students will arrive at their designated school bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Students will line up and be ready to board the bus while the bus is approaching the stop.
3. Students will not approach the bus until the bus is completely stopped, 6 feet from the students, the door is opened, and the driver says it is OK to board the bus.
4. Students will refrain from disturbing the property at the bus stop and will conduct themselves as if they are on school grounds
5. Students that cross the street shall be escorted by the bus driver. Students shall wait for the bus driver to stop, secure the bus, and turn on the red light crossover lights. They shall exit the bus after the driver and wait on the curb until the driver tells them to cross the street. (If students are not at the bus stop when the bus gets there, they will have to wait for the driver to escort them across the street to the bus.) They shall cross the street between the bus and the driver all the way to the opposite curb.

At no time shall students cross the street behind the bus!

6. A danger zone is a blind area which extends from the front of the bus down the side and to the rear of the bus. Students shall not come within 6 feet of the bus unless the bus is completely stopped and students are entering or exiting the bus.
7. The students must follow the recommended safety precautions given by the bus driver and they have a responsibility to conduct themselves properly while walking to and from their bus stop.

Authority of the Driver (5CCR 14103)

“Pupils transported in a school 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 the street or highway.”

Crossing the Street (13 CCR 1227a)

“No student shall cross the street without the driver activating the red lights, getting out of the bus and then crossing him/her over.”

Denial of Transportation (5 CCR 14103)

“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.”

Bus Surveillance Camera

Students caught on surveillance videotape in a properly posted common (public) area have no expectation of privacy. Bus Camera is used to assist the bus driver with the safety of students and the monitoring of student behavior.

A GUIDE TO STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

These rules and regulations will 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 constitutes violations of the established rules and regulations.

1. Failure to remain seated.
2. Obstructing the aisle or facing to rear.
3. Fighting on bus or at stop.
4. Parts of body out of window.
5. Disrespect or failure to obey driver.
6. Creating excessive noise.
7. Using profanity or obscene gestures.
8. Damaging, defacing, or tampering with bus.
9. Eating, drinking, or littering of any kind.
10. Throwing objects in, out of, or at the bus.
11. Unauthorized exit or changing seats.
12. Giving improper identification when requested by driver (includes substitute).
13. Using other than regularly designated stop.
14. Other unsafe actions.
15. No headphones, toys, etc.

AUTHORITY OF BUS DRIVER

All students are under the authority of and are responsible directly to the driver of the bus in accordance with California Administrative Code Title V: 14263.

SCHOOL BUS INCIDENT REPORT PROCEDURE

1. Child asked by bus driver to stop behavior or citation is given if necessary.
2. First Citation: The School Bus Incident Report will act as a warning to correct behavior.
3. Second Citation: The School Bus Incident Report will act as a final warning.
4. Third Citation: 5 day suspension of bus riding privileges and a mandatory parent conference before student will be allowed back on the bus.
5. Fourth Citation: 15 day suspension of bus riding privileges/loss of field trip privileges and a mandatory parent conference before student will be allowed back on the bus.
6. Fifth Citation: 30 day suspension of bus riding privileges/loss of field trip privileges and a mandatory parent conference before student will be allowed back on the bus.
7. Sixth Citation: STUDENT LOSES BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES FOR THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE SEMESTER OR 50 DAYS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. FIELD TRIP PRIVILEGES ARE ALSO LOST DURING SUSPENSION.

Copies of citation will be sent to: a) Parent
b) School Office
c) Transportation Department

If improper conduct continues, student may lose bus riding privileges.

In addition to the suspensions that are imposed for the third, fourth, fifth, & sixth citations, suspension may also occur whenever a student commits or attempts to commit an act of violence, willfully threatens the safety of other, or demonstrates complete disrespect for the authority of the driver. Parents need to provide transportation for their child during the suspension of bus riding privileges.

We hope that in sending this notice to tell you of the system now in effect, you will see it as a reflection of our ever-present interest in the personal safety and well-being of your children. Please take the opportunity to review school bus conduct with your children so they know that you know what is expected of them.