

Tehachapi Unified School District

Transportation Department

Bus Rules

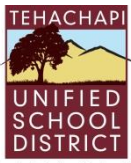
TO: PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Bus regulations are for the purpose of student safety. Good pupil behavior while entering, riding, or leaving the school bus contributes in many ways to safe transportation which is why we are implementing the PBIS approach. Such responsible conduct makes it possible for the driver to give his/her full attention to the routine matters involved in the safe operation of the bus and holds to a minimum those conditions that may cause injury to pupils. If our positive interventions are unsuccessful, consequences may be incurred in order to maintain student safety. The infractions and resulting consequences below pertain to all passengers in grades TK through 12 on a school district bus. We ask that you read the information below carefully and discuss it with your child. Student safety at school is a team effort, everyone's cooperation is both necessary and appreciated.

Drivers may assign seats.

Students will receive a bus ticket for the following infractions:

1. Not keeping hands to themselves.
2. Using profane language or obscene gestures.
3. Putting any part of the body out of bus window.
4. Any movement out of seat while bus is in motion.
5. Creating excessive noise that distracts the bus driver.
6. Unauthorized opening, closing, or tampering of any kind, with bus doors, emergency exits and windows.
7. Transporting live animals, reptiles, or insects on the bus.
8. Throwing objects in, out of, or at the bus.
9. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum on the bus.
10. Using other than the student's regularly designated bus stop.
11. Riding the bus after receiving a "No Ride" penalty.
12. Any improper bus stop procedure (not lining up, rock throwing, playing in the street, damaging property, smoking at the bus stop).
13. Giving improper identification when requested by the driver.
14. Tampering with radio, bus controls or camera.
15. Bringing onto bus skateboards or items too large to hold on lap.
16. Harassing other students.
17. Not wearing their seatbelts correctly and at all times while on the bus.



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The following infractions will result in student referral to the administration for appropriate discipline, which will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Discipline may include suspension or referral to the Board of Trustees for expulsion.

1. Fighting (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, hair pulling, etc.) in the bus or when loading or unloading the bus.
2. Any type of damage to or defacing of bus. (Parents will be charged for defacing or destroying bus equipment).
3. Lighting of matches or cigarettes, or smoking on bus.
4. Defiance, failure to obey driver, or exhibiting disrespect for bus driver.
5. Possession, use of, sale of, or under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
6. Possession or sale of weapons.
7. Stealing or attempting to steal school or private property.
8. Sexual Harassment.

SUSPENSION OF TRANSPORTATION

(GRADES TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12)

Administrative policy dictates that a warning (with signature of transportation supervisor thereon) be given to a disruptive student when the driver deems it necessary.

FIRST TICKET – warning mailed home and given to student.

SECOND TICKET - up to three days transportation suspension.

THIRD TICKET - up to five days transportation suspension.

FOURTH TICKET - up to fifteen days transportation suspension.

Further tickets may also lead to permanent suspension.

These alternatives are not listed in a mandatory sequence of steps to be taken by the District. It will depend on the type of disorderly conduct with which the student is charged.

All actions and consequences shall be at the discretion of the Transportation Supervisor, along with the School Site Administrators. Any safety issues shall be determined by the Transportation Supervisor. Tickets may be issued and time off given to a student without a previous warning citation.

Parents are required to furnish transportation for those students who have been denied transportation by the School District.