



Tehachapi Unified School District

Transportation Department

General Bus Information

General Rules of Conduct at School Bus Loading/Unloading Zones

1. Arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Stand away from the road, watch for the bus, and do not play around. Use sidewalks and walk whenever you can and face traffic when you walk to the stop.
3. Stand back until the bus door opens, it is dangerous to approach a bus that is still rolling.
4. Use the handrail as you enter the bus, don't push or crowd and find a seat quickly
5. Watch your step; don't jump to the curb. Step onto the pavement or sidewalk taking at least 10 steps away from the bus, Remember not to run.
6. Never reach back into the bus door, windows, or under the bus.

Red Light Crossing Instructions

1. You are now within one of the most dangerous environments; do not assume any vehicle will stop.
2. Pupils remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
3. When traffic has stopped in both directions the driver will verbally tell you to walk cross the roadway.
4. The pupils need to cross the roadway between the driver and the front of the bus, never behind the school bus driver or the rear of the bus.
5. Exit to the curb or sidewalk; do not run back across the street.
6. Get off the bus only at the designated stop and go directly home. Do not talk to strangers or accept rides.

School Bus Danger Zones

Even though there are mirrors, the driver can't see people close to the bus. Follow the safety plan listed below;

1. Line up when you see the bus coming
2. Stand back 10 – 12 feet and wait until the door opens before you approach the bus
3. Board the bus and find your seat, do not push or crowd and use the handrails.

Walking to and from the Bus Stop

1. Wake up in plenty of time and arrive 5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive.
2. Listen to the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Also check for delays and closures during inclement weather
3. Don't let little kids or pets follow you to the bus stop
4. Stay out of the street and do not play around. Keep off of homeowners lawns.
5. Use sidewalks and crosswalks when walking to and from bus stops.

School Bus Evacuation Drills

All pupils in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1 through 8 inclusive, in public or private school who are transported in a school bus or school activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety. At least once in each school year the evacuation drill shall include instruction on the following:

1. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including an escort by the driver
2. Proper passenger conduct
3. Location of emergency equipment and exits
4. As part of the instruction, pupils shall evacuate through an emergency exit