

SCHOOL BUS/SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with Tahoe Truckee Unified School District policies regarding school bus/school activity bus transportation.

It is the intention of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District to deal with situations involving school bus and school activity bus transportation in a fair, firm and timely manner.

School district provided transportation is a privilege. And as such, with that privilege, students have responsibilities. While we strive to make the ride on the school bus or school activity bus a safe and pleasant experience, we sometimes encounter situations with a few students that jeopardize the safety and welfare of others.

Section § 14103 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations states:

- a. Pupils transported in a school bus or in a school 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 the 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 en-route between home and school or other destinations.
- b. Governing boards shall adopt rules to govern this section. Such rules shall include, but not limited to, specific administration procedures relating to suspension of riding privileges and shall be made available to parents, pupils, teachers, and other interested parties.

Section § 39842(a) of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations states:

Any person who enters a school bus or school pupil activity bus without prior authorization of the driver or other school official with the intent to commit any crime and who refuses to disembark after being ordered to do so by the driver or other school official is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both.

A student rider's school day starts at the designated school bus stop and ends after school at the designated school bus stop. In order that the outcome of situations involving students is administrated appropriately, situations are referred to the individual school site for proper handling using the school site discipline policy.

In order to provide a safe operation of the school bus and afford the school bus driver their full concentration, the district requests your support of the school bus safety rules and your assistance in discussing the rules and consequences of your student's actions in and around the school bus. Compliance and good conduct in and around the school bus and the school bus stops near home and at school allows our school bus drivers to continue to provide safe transportation between home, school and school related activities.

Expectations of students in and around the school bus and school activity bus are as follows:

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STUDENTS SHALL:

- Arrive at the pickup point 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to leave
- Behave responsibly
- Be courteous and mannerly to others
- Give proper identification when requested by the bus driver
- Except for loading and unloading, remain seated at all times
- Sit facing front and not obstruct the aisle ways
- Sit in a particular seat if directed to do so by the bus driver
- Cross the road only in front of the bus and only when escorted by the bus driver
- Use emergency exits only in an emergency as directed to do so by the bus driver
- Wait for the bus only in designated areas both at the bus stop and at school
- Be picked up and released at the same bus stop. Pre-school and 1st grades are required to be delivered to, and met, at stops by an adult (18 years of age or older). Parents contact the school site for any exceptions.

STUDENTS SHALL NOT:

- Bring firearms, knives or any weapons on the bus
- Posses, use, sell or be under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant or tobacco
- Fight or wrestle (or pretend to) in or around a bus stop or school site loading zone
- Bring pressurized containers (i.e. hair spray, paint spray cans) onto a bus
- Extend any part of the body or other objects outside the bus
- Eat or drink on the bus
- Bring onto a bus, items such as skateboards, snowboards, roller blades, roller skates, ski's and/or poles, golf clubs or hockey sticks. Materials required for class or school must be able to sit flat on the students lap without interfering or creating a safety problem for any students riding the bus. This list is not "all inclusive".
- While at the bus stop; throw objects, play in the street, litter or damage property
- Tamper with bus equipment; which includes sitting in the driver's seat
- Damage school property (i.e. seats and seat backs)
- Bring any "Live" animals, insects or spiders onto a bus
- Breakable objects (i.e. glass containers)
- Bring flashlights, laser pointers

Please note that bus drivers shall stop to load or unload pupils only at a school bus stop designated by the school district. The bus driver shall escort all pupils in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, who need to cross the roadway, highway or private road.

Contact Numbers:
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