

PGUSD School Bus Rules

Rules of Conduct

1. Follow the same conduct as expected in the classroom.
2. Be courteous to other students and treat the Driver with respect, no profane language.
3. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum on the bus.
4. Keep the bus clean, do not leave trash on the bus.
5. Cooperate with the bus driver; the driver is authorized to assign seats.
6. No smoking or flammable materials are allowed on the bus.
7. Passengers should always remain seated while the bus is in motion. No standing while the bus is in motion.
8. Keep your head, hands, and feet inside the bus.
9. No glass containers or balloons are allowed on the bus.
10. The use of radios or other audio/video equipment which may interfere with driver concentration is not permitted while riding the bus.
11. Refrain from loud conversation, loud singing, or loud whistling.
12. Prior to field trips, the Driver will provide instructions on emergency procedures, and safe boarding and exiting practices.

Walking to and from Bus Stop

1. Walk with a buddy or a group.
2. Walk on main streets where there are likely to be other people.
3. Avoid strangers.
4. Use your district assigned bus stop to get on and off the school bus.
5. Never accept food or gifts from strangers.
6. Make sure to let your parents know where you are.
7. When crossing a street, cross only in marked crosswalks.
8. Arrive 5 minutes early at the bus stop.
9. If the bus is at the stop when a student arrives and the student needs to cross the street to board the bus, the student may only cross the street with the Driver's assistance (see Red Light crossing)

At the Bus Stop

1. **STUDENTS ARE TO USE ONLY THEIR DESIGNATED BUS STOP.**
2. Be considerate of the property/surrounding area at your bus stop/boarding area.
3. Line up in an orderly manner in preparation for boarding the bus.
4. Animals are not permitted on a school bus without prior consent. Guide dogs are permitted.
5. All food and/or beverages must be finished, put away, or discarded prior to boarding the bus.
6. For T-K and Kindergarten riders, a parent or guardian must be present at their student's bus stop every day.

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Boarding or Leaving the Bus

1. Arrive at the bus stop ahead of time (5 minutes before scheduled pick up time). Wait on the sidewalk. **STAY OUT OF THE ROAD.**
2. **REMAIN 12 FEET FROM THE BUS UPON ITS APPROACH, UNTIL BUS COMES TO A COMPLETE STOP.**
3. Get on and off the bus one at a time. No crowding or pushing. Hold onto the handrail.
4. Show bus pass to the driver upon entering the bus.
5. Take seats quietly and face forward. Talking quietly is permitted.
6. Students shall not leave their seats until the bus comes to a complete stop.
7. Bulky items or articles considered hazardous to passengers in the event of sudden stops or accidents, shall not be transported or carried by passengers. Large items such as musical instruments shall be placed on the floor, under the seat.
8. Never run after the bus. If you miss the bus, return home or to the school office.
9. Do not cross in front of the bus without being assisted by the driver (See Red Light Crossing below).
10. Never walk close to the front of the bus; allow at least ten steps in between you and the front of the bus.
11. Red Light Crossings are required whenever a student must cross the street to board the bus or to get across the street while the bus is at the stop during drop off.
12. The bus will be at each stop for no more than 3 minutes. The bus will leave the stop once all riders present at the bus stop are boarded and seated.
13. If a student misses their bus, they should return home. If a student misses their designated stop, they will be returned to their school where the school will be responsible for contacting the parents to come pick up their student.
14. If a student is returned to his/her school by our drivers a total of **3** times for their behavior on the bus or for missing their stop, the student will be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Red Light Crossing

- a. If you must cross the street, ask for the Driver to assist you.
- b. Exit the bus after the driver, then **STOP** and wait for the driver's instructions.
- c. Cross only when the driver tells you it is okay to proceed.
- d. Be sure to cross standing between the bus and the driver at the front of the bus following the Drivers direction and proceed to the sidewalk.
- e. **NEVER** cross the street at the rear of the bus.

AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER: California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14103 Authority of Driver states: "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 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".