

School Bus Rules from RINCON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Welcome Parents and Students to the School Year!"

A safe and Better Way to the School Day"

All Students must be at their designated bus stop **five minutes prior to the pickup time.** The bus cannot wait for latecomers and it is unsafe to run for the bus.

Students are expected to follow the safety rules and program guidelines listed below:

1. Wait for permission before boarding and departing the bus.
2. Remain seated at all times; face the front of the bus; keep aisle and emergency exits clear of arms, legs ,backpacks, etc.
3. Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus at all times.
4. Maintain an inside voice level- avoid shouting, or excessive noise.
5. Students may not throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows
6. Students may not eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus.
7. Students will refrain from littering, graffiti or destructive activities.
8. Students may not bring any animals on the school bus. (insects, cats , reptiles, birds, dogs,(except seeing-eye dogs)
- 9.Students are expected to refrain from profane and/or obscene language and /or gestures.
- 10.Weapons and/or tools or other objects that could be used as weapons are not permitted on the bus.
- 11.Fighting on the bus or at the bus stop is not permitted.
- 12.Harassment of any kind (verbal, sexual, physical, etc.) is not permitted.
- 13.Students are expected to be respectful and courteous to the driver and other students.
- 14.Students are expected to cooperate with and follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
- 15.Students must have written authorization from a parent or school office staff to depart from the bus at a location other than the students designated stop. If a student is riding home with a friend he/she must have a dated, written permission slip from parent.

Students must stay out of the buses "Danger Zone"- Anywhere within 12 feet of the bus. If you can touch the bus, you are too close!

After exiting the bus, students should NOT attempt to retrieve items left on the bus OR retrieve items that fell under the bus. "Things" can be replaced, children cannot.

Always follow the driver's instructions about crossing the street. Be alert to traffic, look both ways and always walk in front of the bus.

If your student receives a citation or notice of unsatisfactory conduct, please sign and return the citation to the driver the next school day. Note: Any action that provides a distraction to the driver is considered a safety hazard and is grounds for disciplinary action. Any student found defacing or tampering with the bus equipment or committing a serious offense will be subject to automatic suspension from the bus.

1st. offense- Student is warned and a written citation will be sent home for the parent or guardian to be signed and returned to the bus driver the next school day.

2nd offense- Parents are notified. A written citation will be sent home and the student's riding privileges will be suspended for 3 days. This notice must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the bus driver the next school day.

3rd. offense- Parents are notified. A written citation will be sent home and the student's riding privileges will be suspended for 2 weeks. This notice must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the bus driver the next school day.

4th.offense- Parents are notified. A written citation will be sent home and student's riding privileges may be removed permanently. This notice must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the bus driver the next school day.

Please read and sign indicating that you have read and understand the bus rules.

Student Signature _____ Parent/Guardian signature _____