

SOULSBYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

In the interest of greater safety for all students and property concerned with school transportation, the governing board of Soulsbyville School, in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol, believes that better informed pupils, instructors, chaperones and parents will help to safeguard the lives of all who ride school busses.

The following rules based upon the "**Regulations of Pupil Transportation**" as set forth by the State Department of Education, the California Highway Patrol and the local school board govern the operation of our school busses.

1. Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early, be standing in a line, 10 feet from the bus stop, wait until the driver opens the door of the bus before approaching the bus.
2. Follow the instructions of the driver at all times.
3. No part of the body, head or arms may be extended out the windows.
4. Students must sit up in the seat, facing forward, keeping feet, backpacks, etc. out of the aisle.
5. When provided, seat belts must be worn at all times.
6. No pupil may stand up or move from a seat while the bus is in motion, or without the driver's permission.
7. No student is permitted to interfere with or damage the property of another pupil.
8. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum in busses or any school vehicle.
9. Playing musical instruments, whistling, yelling or loud talking is prohibited.
10. Profane language, destroying articles, shooting rubber bands, scuffling, spitting, or any unnecessary commotion is not allowed.
11. No animals, bugs, or reptiles shall be transported in a school bus except guide, signal or service dogs, fitted with muzzles, trained by those licensed or an approved school that trains such dogs.
12. No glass containers (including soda bottles), no perfume, hair spray, deodorant, makeup or other personal use articles are allowed to be used on the bus.
13. A driver may discharge a pupil at a stop other than his/her regular stop only when the note from the parent authorizing this discharge has been approved.
14. Skateboards, roller skates, and roller blades are not allowed on the bus.
15. Cell phones, CD players, iPods, etc., are not to be in use on the bus.

The driver retains the right to assign seats on the bus at any time. Pupils and/or their parents may be required to pay for or replace any damage done to the bus which cannot be considered ordinary wear and tear.

PENALTIES

First Offense: verbal warning. Driver may assign student to a specific seat, sentences pertaining to violation, or may assign student to clean bus during non-classroom hours. Failure to accept the driver's direction shall result in a second citation.

First Citation: warning letter to parent/possible point loss.

Second or Direct Second Citation: possible suspension from school and off the bus at least 2 days, possible point loss, conference with parent, student, administration, driver and Transportation Supervisor.

Third Citation: possible suspension from school and off the bus at least 5 days, possible point loss, conference with parent, student, administration, driver and Transportation Supervisor.

Fourth Citation: possible suspension from school and off the bus at least 10 days, possible point loss, conference with parent, student, administration, driver and Transportation Supervisor.

Fifth Citation: possible suspension from school and off the bus at least 30 days, possible point loss, conference with parent, student, administration, driver and Transportation Supervisor.

The following offenses will constitute a direct issuing of the second citation and may result in suspension from school:

- refusing to obey the driver
- assault or fighting
- indecent exposure/sexual harassment
- profanity or threats towards the driver
- throwing, shooting or propelling objects of any form within the bus or out the bus windows

All bus suspensions include field trip busses.

The Transportation Supervisor may issue a direct second citation for a safety violation or refusal to comply with the "First Offense" assignments.

The following offenses constitute a direct fourth citation: A violation of a safety measure, (i.e. turning off warning lights, opening the emergency exit, crossing the road unescorted by the driver, etc.)

The cooperation of all pupils and parents is requested to the end that pupils being transported under school authority shall be guaranteed the greatest possible safety. Pupils must realize that the safety of their own lives and also those of their school mates depend upon cooperative bus conduct.

STUDENTS RIDING BUSES TO AND FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Students participating in athletic events, field trips, etc., away from Soulsbyville School must return with the same transportation as they took to the event, unless it is cleared by a parent or guardian in writing, through the office, prior to the event.