



BUS SAFETY RULES

The safety of our children is the number one priority of the SLPS Transportation Department.

Parents are the frontline protectors of their children. Help us teach our children school bus and bus stop safety and please support the driver's authority in enforcing school bus safety and behavior rules.

RULES TO OBSERVE WHILE WAITING FOR THE BUS

- ◆ Students must ride their assigned bus and each student must board and depart at a designated bus stop.
- ◆ Students are requested to be at the bus stop ten (10) minutes before scheduled pick-up as the bus will not wait beyond the scheduled pick-up time.
- ◆ Students will stand off the roadway and exhibit appropriate behavior while waiting for the bus.
- ◆ Students will board, depart and cross the roadway as per instructions from the bus driver.

RULES TO OBSERVE WHILE RIDING ON THE BUS

- ◆ Classroom conduct is to be observed.
- ◆ Students must sit in their assigned seats and belts must be worn at all times when the bus is in motion. Cooperate and refrain from unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
- ◆ No portions of the body are permitted outside bus windows.
- ◆ Reptiles, bugs, animals or marine life (dead or alive) are not permitted on the bus.
- ◆ Smoking, use of tobacco products or other mood modifying substances is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ Objects that impair the driver's vision, impact safety or seating capacity are prohibited on the school bus. (such as band instruments, school projects or special equipment)
- ◆ Inappropriate gestures, obscenities, vulgarity or profanity will not be permitted.
- ◆ Eating, drinking or chewing gum is not permitted on the bus.
- ◆ Students shall not throw any item in/out of the bus, shout, whistle or gesture from the window.
- ◆ Students who are responsible for vandalism will be required to make restitution.
- ◆ Students must remain absolutely quiet at railroad crossings and when the dome lights are on
- ◆ Excessive noise on the school bus is prohibited at all times.
- ◆ Any behavior that adversely affects the safety or well-being of others is prohibited.

RULES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- ◆ Parents are encouraged to walk with or transport their children to and from bus stops.
- ◆ Parents must ensure that their children arrive at the bus stop in the morning at least ten minutes prior to pick up time.
- ◆ Parents are responsible for their children's safety and well-being on the way to and from the bus stops and while at the bus stops.
- ◆ Parents are responsible for the proper conduct of their children on the way and from and while at the bus stops.
- ◆ Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children, along with district personnel while the children are aboard the bus.
- ◆ Parents are expected to cooperate with district personnel regarding the safe and effective transport of their children.
- ◆ Parents are encouraged to contact the school or the transportation department when they observe unsafe conditions.
- ◆ Every child should have a responsible parent/designated adult to supervise bus stop safety.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR BAND INSTRUMENTS

Large music instruments are not to be transported on school buses.

Listed below are some of the instruments that are considered too large to be allowed on buses:

- Brass Horns (Tubas and Sousaphones)
- French Horns
- Baritone Saxophones
- Trombones
- Contra-Bass Clarinets
- Contra-Bassoons
- Drums
- Timpani

REPORTING UNSAFE BUS BEHAVIOR

When parents/guardians are negligent in this area, the Transportation Department depends on the community and its citizens to report safety concerns such as:

- Playing or sitting in the street
- Misbehavior or vandalism
- Causing neighborhood disturbances
- New construction beginning in the area of the stop
- Unsafe drivers in the area of the stop
- Illicit or illegal activities
- Unattached adults lingering near the area of the stop
- Any concern related to the safety of students

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