

FOLLOWING THE RULES

Transportation rules are in place to keep your child and all passengers on the Club's buses safe. Because your child's safety is our top priority, the Club does not tolerate violations of safety rules. If a bus rider violates transportation program rules, the following consequences are in place:

- **1st notice:** Written warning
- **2nd notice:** 1 day suspension from bus program
- **3rd notice:** 3 day suspension from bus program
- **4th notice:** Dismissal from the bus program

Your child will receive a written citation for each violation. **Signed citations MUST be returned to the Transportation Director or bus driver for continued bus riding privileges.** Please call us anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

EMERGENCIES

Learn where all the bus emergency exits and equipment are, and how to use them. Participate in evacuation drills. In an emergency it is up to you to remain calm. Listen to the bus driver and follow instructions carefully.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When visibility is reduced to 200 feet or less, buses will pull over, stop, and wait for visibility to clear. The driver will proceed when it is safe to do so.

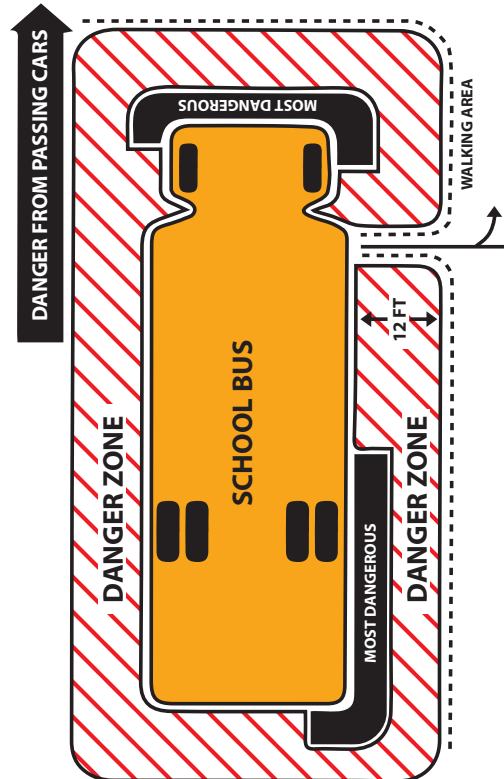
RED LIGHT FLASHERS

When you come upon a school bus stopped on a two lane roadway with flashing red lights, unless the road is divided you must stop. The flashing red lights are located at the top front and top back of the bus. School children could be crossing the road to or from the school bus. Remain stopped as long as the red lights are flashing. Failure to do so is a violation of VC 22454.

ANGER ZONE

The area immediately around the bus is the Danger Zone. Many children are seriously injured or killed each year because they dart in front of or under buses. Please show this diagram to your child and explain that they must never go into the Danger Zone.

1. Do not walk too close to the side of the bus or near the wheels.
2. Do not cross behind the school bus, a driver in a car may not see you.
3. Do not cross in front of the bus by yourself. Wait for the bus driver to escort you across the street when it is safe.
4. Do not kneel in front of the school bus, as you are blocked from the driver's view.



Your Child's SAFETY PRIORITY #1!



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SCHOOL BUS Safe Riding Practices

BUS CONDUCT POLICY

Bus transportation is provided for some of our members. Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. The same rules of SAFETY, COURTESY, AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY apply on the bus as they do in the Club and on the playground. A complete list of schools for which transportation to and from the Club is available and a list of bus stops for the Twilight Education Project can be received from the Club's front office.

California Administrative Code, Title V, Section 14103 states:

"Pupils transported in a school bus or in a school pupil 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 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."

Please review the following bus rules with your child.

Rules for getting on and off the bus and safety at the bus stop are as follows:

1. Practice safe behavior getting on and off the bus. Walk! Don't run. Stay on the sidewalk. Stay as far away from traffic as possible. Cross the streets only at intersections and crosswalks. Stop and look both ways before crossing.
2. Form a line facing the direction of the approaching bus. Stay in line until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is opened. Board the bus in a calm, orderly manner and proceed to an empty seat without disturbing others. Seats may be assigned, if necessary.

3. Always follow any instructions the driver gives on boarding and exiting the bus.
4. Once the driver has closed the door and pulled away from the curb, the bus will not stop for any riders who are late to the stop. Never run across the street to follow the bus or run after a moving bus.

Rules for riding the bus are as follows:

1. Seat belts must be worn at all times when the bus is in motion.
2. No food or drink is allowed on the bus. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. No animals allowed on the bus. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. No standing on the bus when the bus is in motion.
5. No changing seats on the bus.
6. No yelling or loud talking is allowed on the bus. No foul language.
7. All body parts must be kept inside the bus at all times while the bus is in motion.
8. Keep aisle clear at all times. All personal items are to be kept secure under the seats.
9. No fighting or horseplay. No arguing.

10. Any vandalism to the bus will be paid for by that member's parents/guardians.
11. Shirts and shoes are required to ride the bus. NO EXCEPTIONS.
12. No large boxes or packages. Please make other arrangements to transport these items.

Additional policies regarding field trips are as follows:

13. Please notify the Club ahead of time if your child has gone on a field trip with his/her school and will not be back to the school at scheduled pick up time. Parents are responsible for transportation to the Boys & Girls Club if the child is not there at scheduled pick up time. However, if available, we will make a later pick up, otherwise the parent is responsible for transporting their children.
14. Boys & Girls Club field trip registration closes one hour before departure time or when the trip reaches full capacity, whichever comes first.
15. Parents MAY NOT transport children to or from field trip locations or visit them while on field trips. NO EXCEPTIONS.



FACTS from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

School buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and preventing injury.

Source: American School Bus Council

School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school.

Source: US Department of Transportation