

# Santa Barbara School Districts

## Administrative Regulation

AR 5131.1

### Students

#### PUPIL-PASSENGER CONDUCT

- I. Pupil-Passenger Conduct (with the exception of Special Education pupils who are transported separately from other students).
  - A. Pupils shall receive proper instructions concerning their responsibilities.
    1. Building principals shall acquaint parents of all children being transported on District school buses with the policies and regulations governing student behavior on the bus.
    2. Each bus driver shall instruct all pupil-passengers concerning their conduct and the procedures to be followed in emergencies.
  - B. Pupils transported on a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. The bus driver shall have the authority and responsibility to implement these rules and regulations.
  - C. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. The following are examples of student actions that violate established rules and regulations:
    1. Abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair and similar conduct in or when loading or unloading bus).
    2. Fighting on the bus, or at the bus stop.
    3. Using other than regularly designated bus stop without parental and school permission.
    4. Using profane language or obscene gestures.
    5. Using unauthorized exits (from emergency doors, windows).
    6. Putting any part of body out of bus window at any time.
    7. Any movement out of seats while bus is in motion.
    8. Riding bus after receiving no-ride penalty.

9. Allowing legs, feet and/or objects to obstruct aisle; facing to the rear in seats.
10. Creating excessive noise.
11. Indulging in any improper bus stop procedures (not lining up, throwing rocks, playing in streets, damaging property at bus stops and similar conduct).
12. Unauthorized opening, closing, or tampering of any kind with bus doors, windows or emergency exits.
13. Damaging or defacing bus.
14. Lighting matches, cigarettes, smoking on bus.
15. Throwing objects in, out of, or at the bus.
16. Littering of any kind.
17. Transporting live animals, reptiles or insects on a school bus.
18. Eating or drinking on the bus.
19. Disrespect to the driver.
20. Giving improper identification when requested by driver.
21. Tampering with radio or bus controls.
22. Failing to obey the driver.
23. Failing to remain quiet at all railroad crossing.
24. Endangering life or limb of other people.
25. Other unauthorized or unsafe actions.

D. A student who violates bus rules may be issued a citation by the bus driver or school officials. Citations are to be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the school and the bus driver.

E. Penalties for infractions of established bus rules.

1. First citation – Warning or one-day bus-riding suspension.
2. Second citation – Five day bus-riding suspension and a parent/principal (or principal's designee) conference notifying parent of the consequences of a third citation.
3. Third citation – Bus-riding suspension for balance of the school year. (See F)
4. Serious bus rule violation – May result in immediate suspension of bus-riding privilege for balance of school year.

F. When a pupil's bus-riding privileges are suspended, the principal or principal's designee shall inform the pupil of the alleged misconduct, the basis for the allegation and the reason for the suspension of bus privileges

and allow the pupil an opportunity to explain his or her version of the incident. This meeting shall take place prior to the suspension, if practicable, or as soon after the suspension as is possible.

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