

Mountain View Whisman School District School Bus Safety Plan 2023-24

Walking to the Bus Stop:

1. Use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing. Walk, don't run, across the streets.
2. When possible, cross streets where there are traffic signs and crossing guards.
3. Watch for turning cars, bicyclists and emergency vehicles before crossing any street. Do not walk out from between parked cars.
4. Obey all traffic signals.
5. Go directly between home and the bus stop and refuse to ride with strangers.

While waiting at the Bus Stop:

1. Please be on time to your bus stop. **Arrive no earlier than ten (10) minutes** prior to the scheduled time. This will ensure that you will not miss the bus.
2. **Never run to or from the bus.** Wait in a straight line and do not push or shove others.
3. **Wait away from the edge of the curb at least twenty (20) feet.** The bus will stop twelve (12) feet from the waiting students. Do not approach the bus until the bus driver opens the door.
4. Load the bus in an orderly fashion and go directly to your seat. **Do not block the aisleway.**
5. Please respect your fellow students and observe good manners by not fighting or using profane language.
6. Respect the property of other people and do not throw rocks, gravel, wood or any other item you may find.

While on the School Bus:

1. Students and all passengers (parents, teachers, coaches, etc.) **are to REMAIN SEATED at all times** facing forward in seats. It is against the law to move around while the bus is in motion. By law, ALL passengers are required to wear a seatbelt if available.
2. While in your seat please talk to your fellow student/passenger in a quiet voice. Do not yell, shout or scream. The bus driver has to be able to hear emergency vehicles.
3. Be courteous: Use no profane language or obscene gestures at anyone on the bus, pedestrians or motorists.
4. Keep your feet, legs, backpacks, etc., out of the aisle way. The aisle way must be kept clear for emergency evacuations.
5. Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus at all times. Do not put any body part or throw any object out of the bus window at any time.
6. The following **are not permitted while on the school bus** and are prohibited by District Policy:
 - a. Eating or drinking
 - b. Glass jars (except in a bag or lunch box)
 - c. Animals, marine life, reptiles, insects
 - d. Smoking (lighters, matches)
 - e. Fire arms
 - f. Hazardous articles (which endanger the life or limb of the individual or others)
 - g. Skateboards, rollerblades, large musical equipment, etc.
 - h. Spitting, hitting, slapping, fighting, kicking, etc.
 - i. Tampering with school bus controls, bus radio, emergency exits.
7. When departing the bus, make a point of checking your seat for articles left behind.
8. Failure to obey the bus driver and violating the rules and regulations may cause you to have your transportation privileges suspended.
9. Immediate suspension for threatened or actual bodily harm.

AUTHORITY OF DRIVER - 5 CCR 14103: STUDENTS TRANSPORTED IN A SCHOOL BUS SHALL BE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF, AND RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE DRIVER OF THE BUS. THE DRIVER SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE PUPILS WHILE ON THE BUS OR BEING ESCORTED ACROSS A STREET OR HIGHWAY.

DENIAL OF TRANSPORTATION - 5 CCR 14103: DISORDERLY CONDUCT OR PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER SHALL BE SUFFICIENT REASON FOR A STUDENT TO BE DENIED TRANSPORTATION.

1st Citation: Warning of/or possible bus riding suspension.

2nd Citation: Bus riding privileges revoked until parent/driver/administrator conference.

3rd Citation: Suspension from bus riding – minimum of one (1) week.

4th Citation: Balance of year bus riding suspension.