



## SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

Santa Clara Unified wants to ensure that your ride to and from school is a safe one. Please follow the simple rules listed below.

### Waiting for the Bus

- Students must be at the bus stop *5 minutes prior* to the scheduled departure time.
- The published time is a *departure* time.
- Be considerate of others, do not push, shove or throw objects.
- Wait for the bus in a straight line, in an area off the main roadway, at least 12 feet away from where the bus will stop. Stand back from the curb.
- Never run to or from the bus. Make sure the bus comes to a full stop before you try to get on or off.
- Form a single line and be ready to board the bus.
- **NO LIVE ANIMALS, INSECTS or REPTILES OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE BUS AT ANY TIME.**

### Boarding the Bus

- Wait until your bus has come to a complete stop and the door is opened.
- Board the bus single file in an orderly manner, no pushing or shoving.
- Go directly to a seat and sit down.

### While on the bus

- Follow the driver's instructions at all times.
- Face forward in seat with your back against the back of the seat and your bottom on the bottom of the seat.
- Stay in your seat, talk **QUIETLY** and **NEVER** stick your hands or head out of the window.
- Bring only items that can be safely held on your lap without endangering the safety and comfort of others.
- Skateboards and similar equipment will not be transported on the bus.
- Do not lower the windows more than ½ ways down.
- Do not throw objects in the bus or out of the windows.
- Harassment, aggressive behavior, discriminatory or abusive language towards the driver or other persons on or off the, is unsafe and prohibited.
- Smoking or chewing tobacco and possession of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited and will be cause for immediate suspension.
- Do not eat, drink or chew gum on the bus. Keep the bus clean at all times. If you bring it with you, take it with you.



- Treat the bus seats as you would valuable furniture in your home. Never write on or in any way deface or vandalize the bus or seats. Students who damage the bus seat will be held responsible for the costs of repair of the seats.

#### **Leaving the Bus**

- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Leave the bus in an orderly manner row by row from the front first, no pushing or shoving.
- Never walk along the side or in back of the bus.

#### **Consequences**

- Fighting and/or refusing to obey the driver will result in an automatic loss of bus privileges. In essence, there will be no warnings for this type of conduct.

**Other behaviors may result in a verbal warning, written citation or suspension.**

**Transportation Department**

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