



LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL BUS/PASSENGER VEHICLE RULES

Parent/Guardian: Please take a few minutes and review the rules below with your student. These rules apply to all regular routes, field trips and all sporting events. The school bus driver's responsibility is the safe transportation of your students in their care. Students can help in ensuring safe transportation by following these rules.

1. Arrive at the bus stop five (5) minutes before scheduled departure time.
2. Behavior at the bus stop must be orderly.
3. Never run to or from the bus.
4. Stand back from the curb and do not push or shove.
5. Remain seated and facing forward at all times. Assigned seats or seating sequence may be used.
6. Refrain from yelling or using foul language on the bus.
7. Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus.
8. Keep your hands and feet out of the aisle and to yourself.
9. Do not extend any part of your body out the windows.
10. Remain in your seat until the bus door is completely open.
11. You must get off at your assigned stop unless prior permission is granted by a school official.
12. You must not cross the street until the driver motions you across.
13. Always cross at least ten (10) giant steps in front of the bus.
14. Never crawl under or pick up anything around the bus.
15. All of your property must stay out of the aisle at all times.
16. You must not damage any part of the bus or other student's property.
17. There will be no large objects, weapons, or animals allowed on the bus. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
18. There will be absolute quiet at all railroad crossings.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

The Transportation Department realizes that the majority of our students adhere to and practice self-discipline. However on occasion some student's behavior must be modified to ensure the safety and comfort of themselves and their fellow passengers. In these instances, the following procedure will be used:

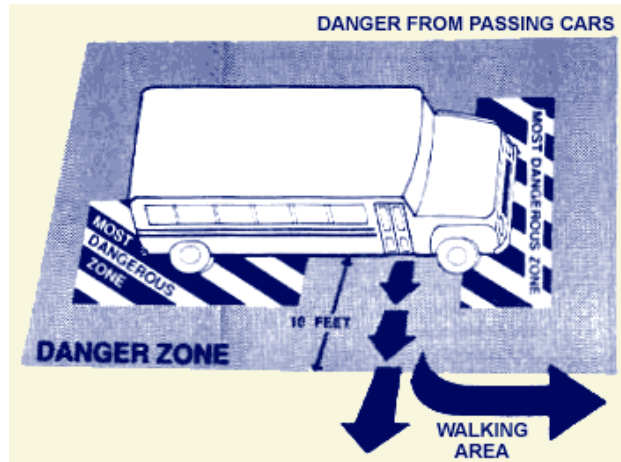
1. If a passenger warrants a written notice, the parents or guardian will be notified by mail. This is to ensure the parent/guardian is aware of the actions and can help in the discipline process.
2. The first written notice warrants a warning, the second may suspend riding privileges and a third suspends riding for a period of time depending on the offense. Please note that at times depending on the severity of the infraction, disciplinary steps can be skipped with the discretion of the Transportation Supervisor.
3. Questions regarding discipline or rules can be discussed with Transportation personnel by calling 635-8745.

SEVERE DISRUPTION: The following inappropriate behaviors will result in the immediate issuance of a school bus citation and may result in suspension of transportation privileges.

1. Physical harm or threat of harm to another student.
2. Physical harm or threat of harm to the bus driver.
3. Fighting, carrying weapons, smoking, use of drugs, etc.
4. Property damage (damage will be paid by the offender).
5. Constant refusal to obey the bus driver.
6. Total disruption of the bus.

STUDENT SAFETY - ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUS

1. Avoid the danger zones! Take ten (10) steps away from the bus before crossing. Never cross in the back of any school bus.
2. Stop! Before crossing wait for your driver's signal.
3. Check for traffic both ways.
4. Listen! If your driver blows the horn, go back.
5. Cross while continuing to check for traffic from both directions.
6. Always walk straight across, never at an angle.
7. If you drop something under or near a vehicle, tell the driver. NEVER stop and try to pick it up yourself!



PARENTS - "FLASHING RED LIGHTS ON A SCHOOL BUS"

The safety of our students is the most important item for all of us. Currently the factor that contributes the most injuries and death of students in the United States is the *passing of school buses* while students are unloading. Please help us combat this.

1. If a school bus is stopped on a street without a physical barrier dividing directional traffic, you must stop in either direction if a school buses' red lights are flashing (this includes school load zones).
2. If a bus is stopped on a street with a physical barrier dividing directional traffic, you must stop if you are traveling in the same direction as the bus.
3. You must not proceed until the school buses' red lights are off and bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the bus driver.
4. There are fines and penalties for passing a school bus with red light on.

"SPEEDING IN A SCHOOL ZONE"

1. Please remember that while traveling in a School Zone, the speed limit is 15 miles per hour.
2. There are fines and penalties for speeding in a School Zone.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL OFFICE.

I have read the rules of the bus and have discussed them with my child. I understand that riding the school bus is a privilege and agree to be responsible for my child's behavior. I understand if my child's school bus privileges are suspended, I am responsible to ensure his/her attendance at school as required by the compulsory education law of the State of Nevada.

PRINT Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____ Parent's Signature _____