

TUSD #1 Bus Safety Rules and Consequences

The Bus Stop

- Arrive at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled. Never run to catch the bus.
- While walking to the bus stop, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- If you cross any streets to get to the bus stop, cross at corners, look both ways to be certain no cars are in sight before stepping into the road to cross.
- Walk to the bus stop with a friend (Parents should escort young riders to the bus).
- Wait for the bus at designated stops. Students must be at least five giant steps (about 10 feet) away from the road edge while waiting for the bus.

Getting On the Bus

- Wait at your bus stop (10 feet from the road edge) until the driver signals you to enter.
- If students must cross the road to get onto the school bus, they must wait away from the road edge until the driver signals for them to cross the street to the bus.
- Check the road for moving vehicles after the driver signals before stepping into the roadway to cross. (Look left – right – left to be sure the road is safe to cross.)
- Cross the road 10 feet (5 giant steps) in front of the bus. Look to be sure you can see the driver as you cross.
- Allow younger students to get on the bus first.
- Use the handrail as you enter the bus.
- Move quickly to your seat without crowding or pushing and sit facing forward.

Getting Off the Bus

- Stay seated until the bus stops.
- Do not crowd, push or play on the way off the bus.
- Let younger students get off first.
- Use the handrail. Make sure straps on clothing and backpacks don't get caught in the handrail or door.
- Look for vehicles moving on the right side of the bus before stepping off.
- Move 10 feet (5 giant steps) away from the side of the bus.
- If you must cross the road to get home:
 - Stay on the side of the road, away from traffic and 10 feet ahead of the bus
 - Look up at the driver's face

- When the driver signals that it is safe to cross, cross to the outside edge of the bus and check both ways for traffic
- Cross to the road edge if there are no moving vehicles. If cars are moving, return to the edge of the road by the bus door.
- If the driver blows the bus horn, look for hazards and follow the directions of the driver.
- Never run back to the bus, chase the bus, or reach under the bus for any reason.
- Go directly home as soon as you are off the bus.

What if Student's Don't Follow the Transportation Rules?

Be sure your children understand the rules so they don't lose their transportation privileges.

- Severe 1st or 2nd offense infractions may result in immediate suspension of bus privileges.
- The driver will stop the bus and request administrative assistance if passengers are unmanageable or are a danger to themselves or others.
- Dangerous behavior will result in immediate removal from the bus and possible loss of bus privileges.
- If there is an immediate threat to passenger or driver safety, the police will be contacted.

Parents, please discuss school bus rules and consequences with your children, and if you have any concerns about transportation, you are invited to contact the district transportation office.