

Emery County School District

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY RULES



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SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Letter to Parents & Student

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

We, who are involved in the school transportation program, desire to do all we can to get students to and from school safely. We want to make the trip a pleasant experience so that they arrive at school in a good frame of mind, prepared, ready, and anxious to learn.

We share an equal concern with Parents/Guardians regarding safe transportation of children. Our drivers are trained thoroughly and carefully and our safety record is excellent. We wish to do everything possible to maintain this outstanding record.

You can assist us in this effort by becoming aware of the bus safety rules and making sure your children understand them.

In this regard, the most important rule for automobile drivers to understand is: "all motorists must stop in both directions when school bus red lights are flashing." The flashing red lights are used when children are loading or unloading the bus.

These pages contain rules and regulations related to riding a school bus in the Emery County School District. These rules and regulations come to us from state law and from policies passed by the Utah State Board of Education. It is important for the safety and comfort of the students that they understand and follow these rules. We can serve you and your children better if you will help us by teaching your children the rules. This effort will make riding the school bus a safe and pleasant experience for all children.

We would like you to be aware that pupils are expected to be on time for the bus both morning and afternoon - in the morning they must be at the stop five minutes before scheduled pickup time. Buses will leave the school in the afternoon no sooner than five minutes after the last bell has rung. If there are no sidewalks available, students should walk on the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic when coming to meet the bus.

If a student must ride any bus other than his/her assigned bus, he/she must have written permission from their Parent/Guardian and SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

For everyone's safety no item should be carried on the bus which could create a hazard to any passenger, including but not limited to: live animals, skateboards, glass objects, knives, firearms, explosives, etc. The transportation of school projects, large band instruments, etc. will be left up to the discretion of the driver.

It is necessary that the following enrollment be completed and returned to the school within five days. The enrollment form enables us to have the necessary information for the safety of your child.

Sincerely,

Larry Davis
Superintendent

Roger Swenson
Transportation Supervisor

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Transportation Rules and Consequences

SIX BASIC RULES

- Rule #1 - Student will follow the directions of the driver.
- Rule #2 - Student will stay in his/her seat while the vehicle is in motion.
- Rule #3 - Do not litter, write on, or damage the vehicle/vehicle seats in any way.
- Rule #4 - Student will show respect to other passengers.
- Rule #5 - No pushing, shoving, or fighting at any time.
- Rule #6 - Inappropriate behavior or language will not be allowed.

CONSEQUENCES

- 1st Offense - Student name noted and verbal warning given.
- 2nd Offense - Student may be assigned to a seat; Driver/Student Conference.
- 3rd Offense - Notification to Parent/Guardian, Principal, & Transportation Supervisor.
- 4th Offense - Conference with Parent/Guardian, Student, Driver, Supervisor. The Student may lose bus privileges.

If the student goes through this procedure twice, the situation will be reviewed by the driver, parent/guardian, principal, and transportation supervisor to determine if the student should continue to ride the bus. Keeping in mind that riding a school bus is a privilege, any or all of the above steps can be bypassed if the offense is one of a severe nature and presents a safety hazard to the other students on the bus and the driver. The severe clause outline below can be activated at the discretion of the transportation supervisor.

SEVERE CLAUSE

In the case of disorderly conduct, assault, arson, obscenities, or other extremely unacceptable behavior the transportation supervisor may invoke the severe clause. The severe clause may entail immediate suspension of bus privileges. Parent/guardian and principal will be notified and bus privileges may or may not be reinstated after a conference with driver, student, parent/guardian, principal, and transportation supervisor. Local law enforcement agencies may be contacted for assistance when necessary.

STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW THE RULES WILL HAVE A SAFE AND PLEASANT RIDE