

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES



OUR PRECIOUS CARGO

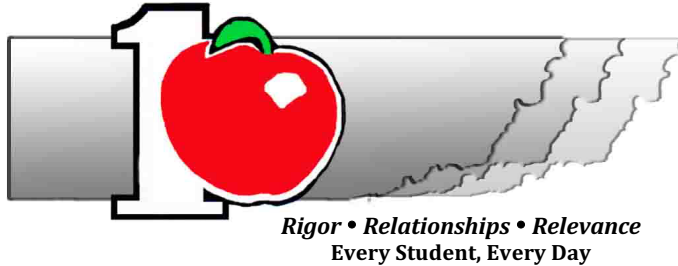
LET US ALL HAVE A SAFE TRIP

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Dear Parent:

A school bus is the safest means of transportation available. School transportation personnel have earned this safety record because of a sincere regard for the safety of their passengers. To maintain and improve this record, all efforts are made at state and federal levels to find ways to improve school bus safety standards.

You can help us immeasurably in our efforts by becoming aware of bus safety rules and making sure your children understand them.

Included is a copy of our bus rules, which come to us from State Law and Regulations by the local Board of Education. Since a very high percentage of our school children are bus riders and some of them must travel long distances, it is imperative for their safety and comfort that they understand and follow these rules.

Will you please read and explain each rule with your student, so they may have a complete understanding of what is expected of them.

Vandalism has increased to the point that we have installed video cameras on the buses. If your child misbehaves or is responsible for vandalism on the bus, you will be called in for a conference with the student and the principal. Students found responsible for destruction of school property will be asked to reimburse the District for the cost of the damages and may be expelled from school and from riding the bus.

Please help your child's bus driver successfully perform his or her highly responsible task.

Thank you,

Kane School District Transportation

KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: RULES OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student Rider:

The students on the bus are under the immediate supervision of the bus driver and are thus subject to the rules set by the School Board and the State. Any infraction of these rules by a student is to be documented on a Bus Conduct Report concerning the disciplinary infraction with copies distributed to the principal, the parents, and kept on record by the transportation department.

The safety of the bus passenger is the most important part of school bus transportation. Efficient and effective use of school buses is another important factor of the school transportation system.

In order to provide safety to passengers and effective use of buses, the following rules are established to regulate conduct of school bus passengers.

1. Stand in an orderly single file line at pick-up points until the bus comes to a complete halt.
2. Enter the bus in an orderly fashion and go directly to your assigned seat.
3. All passengers must be seated while the bus is in motion.
4. At your stop, remain in your seat until the bus has fully stopped. Then enter the aisle and go directly to the front exit door.

Loud talking, use of profanity, fighting, throwing things, smoking, damaging the bus or bus seats, standing, eating or drinking, are examples of activities that draw attention of the bus driver from his/her main task of safe operation of the bus. Such actions, or any other distracting action by the riders, create a safety hazard by demanding unnecessary attention of the driver and are forms of misconduct. Misconduct at bus stops is also considered a violation and shall be cause for disciplinary action.

When a rider is guilty of misconduct on the bus or at the bus stop, it will be reported to the principal of his/her school. Parent will be held responsible for any bus damage that may result from the student's misconduct. Misconduct may be cause to deny the privilege of transportation to the student. The following procedures will be taken by school administration. Misconduct citations will be issued as follows:

1 st Offense:	Student given a verbal warning (bus driver).
2 nd Offense/1 st Citation:	Student/Parent given a written warning (bus driver, school administration and parents).
3 rd Offense/2 nd Citation:	Student/Parent given a written warning. Student denied bus privilege for 3 days. A parent conference is required before student can return to the bus.
4 th Offense/3 rd Citation:	Student given a written warning. Bus privileges denied for 10 days. A parent conference is required before student can return to bus.
5 th Offense/4 th Citation:	Transportation privilege denied for the remainder of the school year (school administration and school board).

Offenses such as smoking, drugs, weapons, damaging the bus, or harming another student will be handled as 3rd citation level on the 1st offense. Violation of the law will be reported to the sheriff's office for investigation and prosecution.

Parents are to contact the school to schedule an appointment with the administration and the bus driver. The student will also attend. Parents are always encouraged to schedule an appointment anytime they have a concern.

Parent/Guardian/Student: Please sign below to indicate that you have read this memorandum then return it to the school office. A copy will be issued.

Parent/Guardian Signature

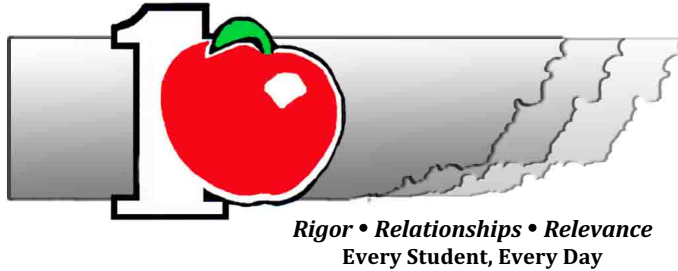
Student Signature

Date

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Dear Parents or Guardians of Kane School District Students:

The Utah State Office of Education provides in lieu of transportation funding to School Districts for reimbursing parents or guardians for the transportation of their child to and from school if no bus service is provided. In order for bus service to be provided there has to be a minimum of 10 or more students.

The following are the **State Guidelines for bus transportation of students** to and from school:

1. **Elementary (Grades K-6):** Pupils who live one and one-half miles or more from the school that the local board of education has assigned them to attend.
2. **Secondary (Grades 7-12):** Pupils who live two miles or more from the school that the local board of education has assigned them to attend.
3. **Pupils with disabilities whose IEP requires transportation are eligible regardless of distance** from the school.
4. It is the aim of the State Office of Education, in keeping with the "Inclusion" concept, to arrange transportation for the student, with disabilities as closely as possible to that of the student without disabilities. Whenever possible, students with disabilities will ride with students without disabilities on regular routes.
5. Students who attend school for at least one-half day at an alternate location as assigned by the local board of education may be expected to walk reasonable distances between schools.

These payments are disbursed to parents or guardians twice a year in February and July. Payments are based on 35 cents per round trip mile for the number of days your child attends school during the school year. If you drive in a car pool transporting your child, you are reimbursed only for the miles per day that you drive in the car pool.

If you feel you are eligible for this in lieu of transportation reimbursement, please advise the secretary at the school so she can provide days of attendance for your child to the School District Office for the disbursement of funds. If you drive in a car pool keep track of the days that you drive and turn the information in monthly to the school secretary.

We are making notification of this in lieu of transportation payment to all parents and guardians of students, as we do not want to overlook someone that should be receiving this reimbursement.

Thank you,

Kane School District Transportation