

Rules of Conduct

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. Each student who rides the school bus will comply with directives from the bus driver, treat other students and the bus driver in a cooperative and respectful manner and observe the following rules:

- Students shall pass in front of the bus when it is necessary to cross the roadway.
- Written permission to board or leave a school bus at a location other than the student's designated bus stop must be signed by the parent/guardian and school principal/designee.
- When waiting to board the bus, students are to wait until the bus has completely stopped and then walk toward the bus for boarding.
- Students are to be at the bus stop when the bus arrives. Please be at your designated bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time.
- Students are to go to their seats promptly after boarding the bus.
- Students will be seated immediately. Seats may be assigned to them by the bus driver.
- Students are to sit in their seats, facing forward.
- Students will close bus windows when so directed by the bus driver.
- The aisles and emergency exits are to be kept clear of hands, feet, books, etc.
- Students are not to speak to the driver while the bus is in motion unless granted permission by the driver or in case of emergency.
- Except for registered guide dogs for the blind, students shall not bring animals, reptiles, birds or insects on the bus.
- Students are to report promptly to the bus driver any damage (including markings, etc.) on seats or any other parts of the bus.

Damage to buses occurring as a result of carelessness, willful misconduct, negligence, malicious destruction, etc., shall be the financial responsibility of the parent/guardian of the student causing the damage.

- Students may not bring glass containers of any kind on the school bus.
- Behavior deemed inappropriate by the bus driver will not be tolerated.

Each student who rides the school bus will refrain from any behavior that may adversely impact the safety, health or well being of others on the bus and/or any damage to school district property. The student shall not:

- Talk or laugh in an unusually loud voice
- Crowd or push
- Scuffle or wrestle
- Use profane language or vulgar gestures
- Tease, chastise, annoy or make fun of others
- Throw articles inside or out of the bus
- Put any part of their bodies or any article out of the bus window
- Stand or change seats
- Chew gum, eat or drink on the bus (at bus driver discretion, drinking water may be permitted in plastic containers)
- Possess knives, firearms, explosives or other objects which could harm others
- Light matches, lighters or firecrackers
- Possess or use tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs at the bus stop or on the bus

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any student who does not conduct herself/himself appropriately is potentially jeopardizing the safety and well being of other students on the bus, and that student will be subject to disciplinary action. Student discipline will range from a verbal reprimand in less severe cases to suspension of transportation privileges in more severe cases. If a student does not observe the above stated Rules of Conduct the offending student will be issued a written citation as follows:

First Citation- The first citation during the school year may be a written notice of inappropriate behavior, or, for a very serious infraction, the student's transportation privileges may be suspended by the Transportation Manager for a period of time.

Second Citation - The second citation during the school year may be a written notice of inappropriate behavior; a short suspension of transportation privileges; or, for a very serious infraction, the student's transportation privileges may be suspended by the Transportation Manager for a lengthy period of time.

Third Citation- The third citation during the school year may be a written notice of inappropriate behavior, but will usually result in a suspension of the student's transportation for a lengthy period of time.

Fourth Citation- The fourth citation during the school year will result in the automatic suspension of the student's transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year unless the automatic suspension is modified by the Transportation Manager due to extraordinary circumstances.

Parents will be requested to meet with a member(s) of the transportation staff and, when appropriate, a member(s) of the school staff regarding a suspension of the student's transportation privileges. During the conference, the parent will be informed of the offending student's behavior and the seriousness of the offense. The parents will be encouraged to help the student understand the serious nature of her/his behavior.

Parents please be aware that unless you have signed the consent to drop off a child without an adult present form. You will need to be present when your child is dropped off. If you are not at your child's designated bus stop when they are dropped off in the afternoon, Cabs 4 Kids will keep your child on the bus and continue the bus route. Your Child's school will be notified and the bus driver will attempt to contact a parent. It will be the parent's responsibility to meet the bus at another stop to pick up their child. If a parent cannot be reached. Your child will be dropped off at the Chico Police Station at the end of the bus route.