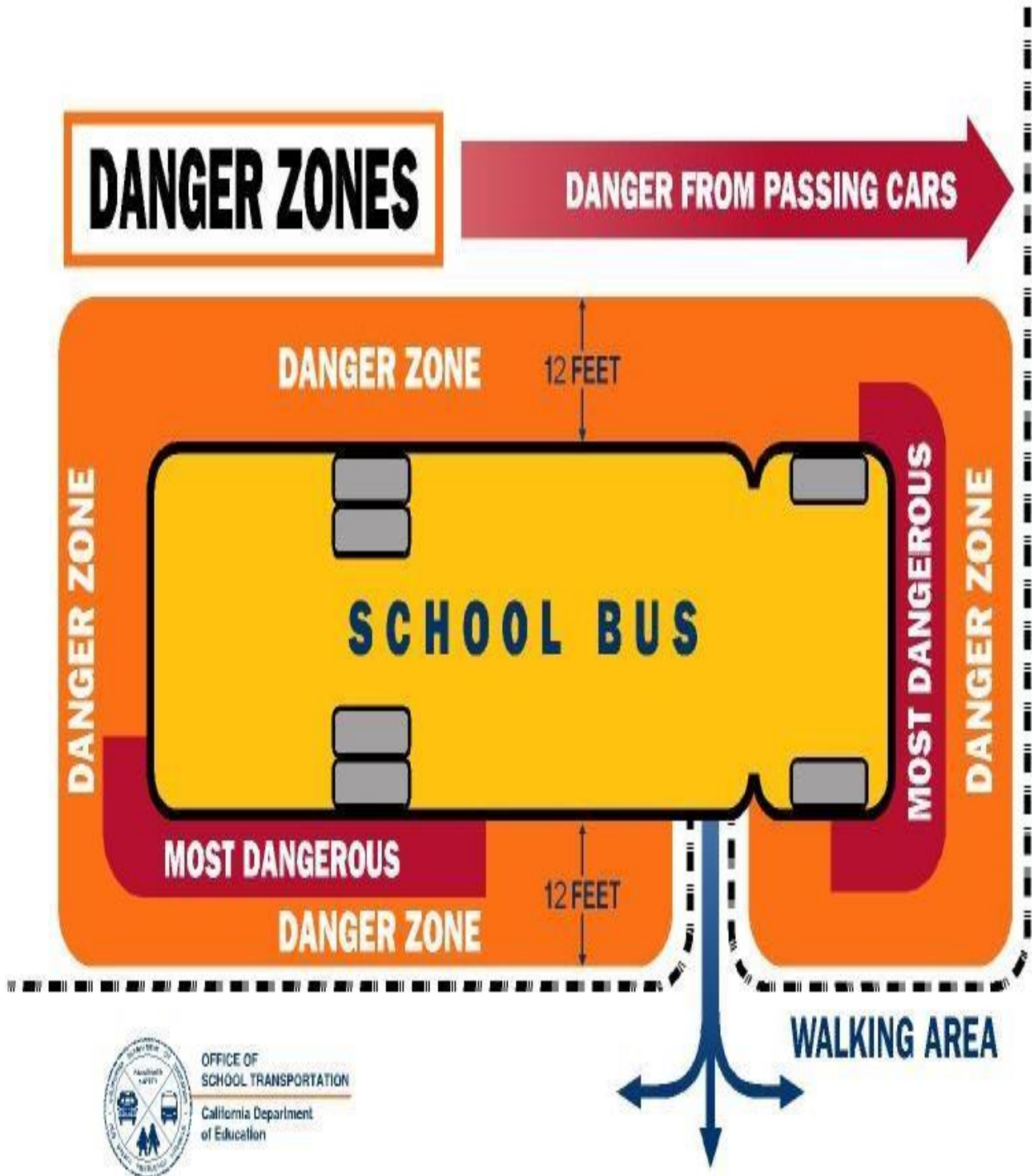


SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAFETY INFORMATION AND BEHAVIOR OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES

Riding a school bus is not a right, but rather a privilege that can be denied if the following rules are willfully disobeyed:

1. **Students transported** in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of the bus and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road.
2. **Continued disorderly** conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.
3. **No bus driver** shall require any student to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations.
4. **At the discretion** of the bus driver a student may be assigned a specific seat and shall not be permitted to occupy another seat without permission of the driver.
5. **All students** are to remain seated until released by the driver.
6. **Students shall** keep heads, arms, hands, and other parts of the body inside the bus.
7. **Students shall not** drop or throw material of any kind, either from the bus, or within the bus, or make offensive remarks to pedestrians or motorists.
8. **Students shall** keep books, packages, coats, or other objects out of the bus aisle. Feet shall be kept out of the aisle. No objects are permitted which impair the ability of the driver to operate the bus, or which obscure his/her vision.
9. **Requests of** the driver are to be obeyed, without discussion, while a bus is en route.
10. **Students are** to speak in conversational tones only. Profanity is forbidden, as are playing musical instruments, whistling, participating in any commotion that might tend to distract the driver's attention.
11. **Students shall not** eat or drink beverages on the bus during normal transportation. Eating and drinking on the bus may be arranged for field trips. Breakable glass objects may be transported on a bus only if they are contained in a suitable container that would minimize the hazard in the event of accident or breakage.
12. **No student shall** interfere with another student, or disturb the property of another student.
13. **Students shall not** carry knives, flammable devices, or other hazardous materials or objects on the bus. Seeing eye dogs are the only animals that may be transported on a school bus.
14. **Students who** refuse to submit to the authority of the bus driver shall be reported by the bus driver to the principal of the school the student attends as soon as possible after the misconduct occurs. The principal of the school shall reprimand the student, and inform the parent or guardian of the offense and the reprimand. The principal shall also inform the student and his parent or guardian that if such misconduct persists, the student may lose the privilege of being transported by school bus, and/or the school may take other disciplinary action. The Principal may call parent as a courtesy when small, minor behavior problems occur to help resolve the problem before it escalates.
15. **If immediate** disciplinary action is required, the bus driver may reprimand a student, and, if the misconduct occurs on the home-to-school bus run, the driver may suspend the students involved in the misconduct from the bus run for the following school day. In such case, it shall be the duty of the driver to inform the school principal of such suspensions as soon as possible.
16. **All School Bus Incident Reports** must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the bus driver before a student will be allowed back on the bus.
17. **Video cameras** may be used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities. The recording may be considered a student record and used in student disciplinary procedures or referred to local law enforcement as appropriate.
18. **Use and/or** possession of tobacco in any form is prohibited while riding a school bus. Automatic suspension from school will result from any violation of this regulation.
19. **Any student** found guilty of inflicting willful damage to a school bus will be denied transportation until the parent/guardian has paid the cost of repairs.
20. **Students** are instructed to be at the assigned bus stop (5) minutes before the posted stop time.
21. **Parents who** drive their child to the bus stop should park their vehicle on the same side of the roadway that the bus will be stopping, and keep in mind to allow for ample room for the bus to pull over safely.
22. **When walking** to the bus stop, give yourself plenty of time. Walk quickly, but don't run. Walk safely. Stay on sidewalks, if there are none, walk on the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic. Cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks. If possible, walk with a "buddy."
23. **Never talk** to strangers, accept rides or take anything from anyone you don't know. If a stranger in a car approaches you, stay away and notify a parent, the bus driver, or another adult you know immediately.
24. **Students shall** form lines in order to board the bus at all loading zones. Students will respect others, personal property, and safety of others while waiting at a loading zone/bus stop.
25. **If a student** drops papers or other objects while boarding or leaving the bus, he/she should get the attention of the driver. The student shall never go under or near the school bus to retrieve objects.
26. **Students must** present signed written permission from parents or guardians to a teacher or driver for any permanent or temporary change in their regular bus schedule.

27. **When the Red crossing lights** are activated, as required, the bus is stopped for the purpose of loading and unloading students. Students are to remain on the roadside until the driver gives the direction that it is safe to cross. All students in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8, needing to cross the street on which the bus is stopped, shall be escorted by the driver at those locations where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer or an official traffic control signal. Students are never to cross the roadway or highway behind the bus unless crossing at an official traffic controlled signal.



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Student's Name: _____

Parents shall be provided with copies of and shall acknowledge that they have read and understand these rules.
Any parent who has a question regarding transportation or the above regulations should contact the school principal.

Please:

1. Review the **SAFETY INFORMATION AND BEHAVIOR OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES** with your children even if they do not take the bus to school.
2. Complete the section below and *return this page to school.*

*We/I have read, reviewed and understand **SAFETY INFORMATION AND BEHAVIOR OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES** and [Transportation Department Information brochure](#), with my child(ren). I understand that violation of these rules may result in suspension or revocation of bus privileges.*

Signature: Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

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