

Rules of Safe Conduct For All Bus Riders

OBEY THE BUS DRIVER'S INSTRUCTIONS AT ALL TIMES

Safety

1. Wait until the bus has stopped completely and the door has opened before approaching the bus.
2. Remain seated facing the front of the bus at all times
3. Absolutely no weapons or dangerous objects such as knives, glass, guns, etc. are allowed on the bus.
4. Do not throw or put anything out of the bus windows.
5. Do not stand or change seats while the bus is in motion.
6. If you must cross the street, you must do so in front of the bus with the "Red Flashing Light" under direction of the bus driver.
7. Do not bring animals or insects, caged or otherwise, onto the bus.
8. Do not load on or off the bus through emergency exits or windows unless directed to do so by the bus driver, school administrator, or emergency personnel.
9. Do not sit in driver's seat or tamper with bus controls, doors, or radios.

Behavior

1. Appropriate behavior and language is expected at all times. Offensive remarks or gestures are unacceptable.
2. Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus stop leave time.
3. Leave the bus quietly and carefully. Keep away from the side of the bus as it departs.
4. Do not fight—fighting is defined as actual physical contact such as hitting, pulling hair, and throwing objects at people to intentionally harm them.
5. Smoking, vaping, or striking matches on school buses is prohibited.
6. No gum, food, or drink may be consumed on the bus.
7. Do not break windows, cut seats, or do any other damages to the bus.
8. Parents will be responsible for property destruction caused by their child.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rim of The World Unified School District
Transportation Department. (909) 336-0330

Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior

1st Conduct—WARNING—Conduct report sent home with student and copy sent to school site.

2nd Conduct—CALL TO PARENT—Conduct report sent home with student, Call to parent by transportation staff, and a copy sent to school site.

3rd Conduct - Mandatory suspension from all school buses for 2-10 days depending on the severity. Copy of conduct given to student, call to parent/guardian and copy sent to school site.

Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason to deny a student's transportation and/or revocation of bus pass. (Ed Code Sec. 10602)

Students who destroy bus seats by way of writing or cutting will be charged labor and materials for seat repair.

Suspension from the bus - possible removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year for the following behaviors: fighting, weapons, vandalism, disrespect and inappropriate language to the bus driver. School suspension may also result from the above mentioned behaviors. We have the same behavior expectations on our buses as we do for our school sites to ensure the safety of all students. (Per Ed Code 48900).

CAMERA'S — School buses may be equipped with cameras for the safety of our students and staff. For confidentiality reasons, viewing of all camera's video will only be permitted by Rim of the World School District Personnel. Nothing in this disclosure creates a mandatory duty to have electronic surveillance equipment on buses.

TITLE 5 CAC SECTION 14230 STATE LAW READS:

PUPILS TRANSPORTED IN A SCHOOL BUS SHALL BE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RESPONSIBLE TO THE DRIVER OF THE BUS. THE DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE PUPILS WHILE THEY ARE ON THE BUS OR BEING ESCORTED ACROSS A STREET, HIGHWAY, OR ROAD. CONTINUED MISCONDUCT OR [PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER SHALL BE SUFFICIENT REASON FOR A PUPIL TO BE DENIED TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT.

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STUDENT/PARENT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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Transportation Objectives

We welcome our students and parents back to another outstanding year at Rim of The World Unified School District. Our number one objective is to provide our students with safe, reliable, respectful and efficient transportation services providing the highest quality of support for the educational programs. We appreciate the trust you have instilled in us as we transport your children daily. We don't take this responsibility lightly and endeavor to improve our safety policies and procedures. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your students.

Working Together

As we adapt to the changing landscape of transportation, it is important that we continue to work together to provide safe, reliable, and cost effective services for our students. Thank you for your understanding and support as we move forward!

Bus Safety Inspections

Our school buses are inspected each year by the California Highway Patrol. Daily mileage records are tracked and routine service and inspections are done based on miles driven.

Driver Training -

All drivers receive continuous training and are required by the State of California to have at least a minimum of 40 hours of classroom and behind-the-wheel training before certification. This training includes all laws and regulation's pertaining to school buses (first aid, emergencies, and instruction in driving different types of buses). Each year, all drivers are required to attend in-service training for a minimum of 10 hours. These requirements are regulated by the California Highway Patrol.

Student Training

In addition to this pamphlet, your child will be required to participate in an evacuation drill once every school year per Ed Code 39831.5.

What About Emergencies On The Bus?

For student safety and route control, each bus is equipped with a two-way radio. The transportation Department is in constant communication with each bus on its route.

Who is Eligible to Ride The Bus?

Students with a valid bus pass or a single ride ticket .The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist. Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy. For more information on General Education Busing Eligibility please see Board Policy AR 3541.

How Will My Child Know Which Bus To Ride?

At the beginning of each school year all bus routes are published on our district website (www.rimsd.k12.ca.us) under the transportation section. We recommend that parents examine the bus schedule with their children, explaining which route and stop are to be used.

At the school sites, staff will assist in boarding the children to make sure they are on the correct bus. If a student is in doubt about their bus stop or bus (once they are on the bus) they should tell the driver immediately.

Authorization to Ride another bus:

All Students must obtain authorization to exit a bus stop other than their designated stop. An authorization to ride pass will be issued by the attendance office upon providing a written note to the office. This pass along with a bus pass or single ride ticket must be presented to the bus driver.

Bus Passes

Bus Riders are required to submit a new bus pass application yearly. Detailed information about bus pass fees and how to obtain an application can be found on the district website.

Parent Drivers for Activity Trips

Please see the district website/transportation page for instructions and application packet.

Other Than Students, Who May Board A Bus?

Only district employees, peace officers, and authorized personnel may board a school bus. **Unauthorized persons boarding a bus may be subject to legal prosecution per Ed Code Section 39842.**

Inclement Weather/School Closures

The decision to close Rim of the World Unified School District is usually made in the middle of the night. The district's transportation and maintenance/operations departments' personnel travels the district checking on the road conditions and inadvisability of opening school buildings in any one of our neighborhoods between Crestline and Green Valley.

Our School buses are equipped with a "mountain package" and our drivers are experienced for these conditions. If school is closed parent/caregivers will be communicated to through district website, An automated phone call, and the districts social media page.

For students that qualify for Curb to Curb transportation:

When transportation is unable to access curb to curb services for safety reasons (inclement weather, unplowed roads, road construction, etc.), the student will need to do one of the following:

- Meet the bus at a designated bus stop
- Parent can transport the student to and from school and receive reimbursement for travel incurred.
- Call the school for an excused absence and inform the transportation department.

What Do I Do If The Bus Doesn't Arrive On Time?

School buses have to endure the same traffic conditions as commuters. A traffic problem, road closure, or discipline problem can easily throw your bus 10-15 minutes off schedule. If after 15 minutes your bus still has not arrived, please call the Transportation Department at (909) 336-0330. In the event we have a down bus, another bus will be redirected as soon as possible and we will notify parents/guardians through and automated phone call.

What is A Student's Responsibility?

It is important to understand that riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right of the student. This privilege can and will be revoked when serious misconduct occurs or when minor infractions occur repeatedly. Refusal of the District to provide transportation under these circumstances does not excuse parents from their responsibility of having their children in school each day.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN & SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

A designated parent or guardian must be present to accept all kindergarten and/or special needs students (on a special needs bus) at the drop off location on time. If no one is present to pick up the student, they will be returned to school.

CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.rimsd.k12.ca.us