

## **SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS CONDUCT RULES & REGULATIONS**

A primary concern of Sierra Sands Unified School District is the ability to provide safe, efficient and appropriate transportation for its students. Sierra Sands Unified School District adheres to the following discipline standards based on the California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 14263 which states: "Pupils 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 pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destination." District standards for students are provided below:

### **CONDUCT STANDARDS**

1. The bus driver's instructions are to be followed at all times.
2. Fighting or active play is not permitted.
3. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum is not permitted.
4. All parts of the body are to be kept inside the bus at all times.
5. Loud conversation or inappropriate language is not permitted.
6. Damaging or defacing of District equipment is not permitted.
7. Use seatbelt when available.

In order to enforce the following conduct standards while riding District school buses, District bus drivers have been directed to follow these procedures:

1. A verbal warning shall be given to any student whose behavior is unacceptable in the judgment of the bus driver.
2. A "Bus Conduct Report" will be issued to any student whose behavior does not improve after a verbal warning has been received.

### **BUS STOP COURTESY & ROUTE TIMES**

The Sierra Sands Unified School District Board of Education approves bus stops established by the District Transportation Department.

- Students are not to be picked up or dropped off at any location other than an approved bus stop.
- Each elementary school bus pass will be imprinted with the student's normal bus stop. Should a change of bus stop be necessary either on a temporary or permanent basis, it is requested that parents contact the child's school. Permission notes to change stops must be authorized by the student's home school.
- In the event of student misconduct, students may be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with Sierra Sands Unified School District Board Policy, California Education Code, California State Penal Code, California Code of Regulations and/or California Vehicle Code.
- While at district bus stops, students must stay away from the curb, the street and the bus, until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- When exiting, students should walk directly away from the bus and not linger in the vicinity of the bus.

Students should arrive at their bus stop no more than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time. The time cited on each bus route is the planned time of departure from the bus stop. Please assist the Transportation Department in maintaining the schedule by being on time.

From time to time schedules may need to be revised. Every effort will be made to inform school sites, students and parents of the changes. Should any questions arise please contact the Transportation Department by telephone at (760) 499-1874 or by email at [transportation@ssusd.org](mailto:transportation@ssusd.org).