

Grossmont Union High School District Transportation Safety Plan

This plan shall be kept current and on file at each school and made available, upon request, to any California Highway Patrol officer.

- A. A list of school bus stops near each pupil's home shall be made available upon request.
- B. General rules for riding a school bus:
 - 1. Follow the driver's instruction at all times while entering, riding, or exiting the school bus.
 - 2. Students must conduct themselves at all times in a manner, which shows respect for property and consideration of others.
 - 3. Prior to boarding a school bus, students are to wait at least 10 feet forward of the bus stop area until the door is opened.
 - 4. Students are to enter and leave the bus only at designated bus stops.
 - 5. Students are to cross the highway or roadway ONLY under the direction of the driver.
 - 6. Students are to enter and leave the bus in an orderly manner.
 - 7. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion. Seats may be assigned on the school bus.
 - 8. All parts of the body must remain inside the bus at all times.
 - 9. Students are to talk quietly and make no unnecessary noise.
 - 10. Profanity, vulgarity and obscene gestures are not permitted at any time on the bus.
- C. Each pupil on a school bus must behave in a satisfactory manner in order for the driver to remain alert to the many hazards of driving. The safety of all students on the bus is of prime importance. A student who behaves in an unsatisfactory manner may be denied transportation. Parents/Guardians may be responsible for any damage to vehicles or property caused directly by their students.
- D. The school bus driver shall escort all pupils eighth grade and below whom need to cross the highway or private road to board or depart the bus. The driver shall use an approved hand-held "STOP" sign while escorting all pupils.
- E. All pupils who must cross a highway or private roadway in which the school bus is stopped, (whether at a school bus stop or on an activity trip) shall cross under the protection of the school bus red lights. The red flashing lights DO NOT allow students to cross the roadway or highway unless the driver has given the student direction that it is safe to cross. Students are to remain on the roadside until the driver gives the direction that it is safe to cross. Students are never to cross the roadway or highway behind the bus unless at an official traffic controlled signal. Students are to be at their designated bus stop timely in order to minimize the length of time the driver must have the red flashing lights activated.
- F. Students need to be aware that not all motorists stop when the school bus red lights flash. Therefore, Parents/Guardians should explain to their children the importance of watching for cars anytime they cross the street.
- G. Refer to the Activity Trip Procedures Manual for the requirements of transporting students by non-transportation department employees.