

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MVSD TRANSPORTATION BUS RULES

Students being transported are under the authority of the school bus driver and the Mountain View School District. To promote their safety and well being, the following rules are to be followed. Students Shall:

- Be at their bus stop and be ready for pick-up no sooner than five minutes before the bus is due.
- Stand a safe distance back from the curb or highway and line up signal file, facing the street, when the bus approaches.
- Wait for the driver to motion them across the street when it is safe to cross, and walk in front of the bus by at least ten feet.
- Do as the bus driver says and obey the driver's instructions.
- Always use steps and handrails, and never crowd or push when getting on or off the bus.
- Do not eat or drink anything while on the bus.
- Never Stand, except to exit the bus at their stop and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Never throw anything on the bus or out the bus window, or extend hands, arms, heads, or objects through bus windows.
- Must have written permission, approved by the school, to ride another bus or get off at a stop other than their own.
- Talk in normal tones; screaming and yelling are prohibited.
- Never use vulgar or abusive language.
- Do not tamper with safety devices or damage the interior or exterior of the bus.
- Always treat the bus driver and fellow passengers with respect.
- No animals of any kind are allowed in the bus. Except seeing eye dogs.

Riding the school bus is a privilege and should be treated as such. Bus rules are for the safety of all those who ride the bus. Students who refuse to obey these stated rules shall forfeit their privilege to ride the school bus. BUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION Parental assistance in discussing appropriate and safe behavior is appreciated. Unfortunately, failure to behave appropriately can result in loss of bus privileges. For a significant or recurring problem, the disciplinary procedure will be as follows:

1. Student is requested by the bus driver to comply with the rules.
2. Student and driver discuss the problem (one time).
3. Driver supplies a written report of any inappropriate misbehavior to the Transportation Department and the Principal of the student's home school. The Principal then takes one of the following actions:
 - Principal and student discuss the problem and develop a plan to correct the behavior. In addition, the Principal notifies the parents of the problem and of the possibility of forfeiting bus privileges.
 - If behavior continues, student loses bus privileges for a specified number of days (3-5).
 - If problem continues, student forfeits bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.