

**SAN LORENZO  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

**Business and Noninstructional Operations**

AR 3543 (a)

**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES**

Transportation Safety Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a transportation safety plan which includes all of the following: (Education Code 39831.3)

1. Procedures for determining if students in grades prekindergarten through 8 require escort to cross a private road or highway at a bus stop pursuant to Vehicle Code 22112
2. Procedures for all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 to follow as they board and exit the bus at their bus stops
3. Procedures for boarding and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination
4. Procedures for determining that a pupil is not left unattended on a school bus, school pupil activity bus or youth bus shall be established and procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany pupils on a school pupil activity bus.
5. Additionally, requirements for the School District to report to the DMV within five (5) days of any disciplinary action finding the school bus driver or SPAB driver at fault for leaving a child unattended on the vehicle.
6. Requirements for training of bus drivers regarding these requirements is to be included in the school bus driver's annual in-service training as well as in their renewal for the school bus certificate every five (5) years.

A copy of the plan shall be kept at each school site and made available upon request to the California Highway Patrol. (Education Code 39831.3)

School bus operations shall be limited when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home-to-school transportation service. Bus drivers for school activity trips shall have the authority to discontinue bus operation whenever they determine that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility. (Vehicle Code 34501.6)

Earthquake While on the Bus

If students are on the school bus when an earthquake occurs, the bus driver shall take proper precautions to ensure student safety. The driver shall pull to the side of the road, away from any outside hazards if possible, and turn off the ignition. As soon as possible,

the driver shall contact the Superintendent or designee for instructions before proceeding on the route.

School buses and school student activity buses shall not be operated whenever the number of passengers exceeds bus seating capacity, except when necessary in emergency situations which require that students be moved immediately to ensure their safety.

When a school bus or student activity bus is equipped with a passenger restraint system, all passengers shall be required to be properly restrained by that system while the bus is in motion.

Bus drivers shall be informed of procedures to be followed to reasonably ensure that all passengers are so restrained.

The Superintendent or designee may place a notice at bus entrances that warns against unauthorized entry. The driver or another school official may order any person to disembark if that person enters a bus without prior authorization and has intent to commit a crime. (Education Code 39842; 13 CCR 1256.5)

Each school bus shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher located in the driver's compartment which meets the standards specified in law. (Education Code 39838; 13 CCR 1242)

The Superintendent or designee shall review all investigations of bus incidents and accidents to develop preventative measures.

#### Student Instruction

All students who are transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety. (Education Code 39831.5)

The instruction shall include the following:

1. Each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate instruction in safe riding practices and emergency evacuation drills. Each student who receives home-to-school transportation in a school bus shall be required to receive this instruction. (5 CCR 14102)
2. At least once each school year, all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to: (Education Code 39831.5)
  - a. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver
  - b. How to safely cross the street, highway or private road

- c. When passenger restraint systems are installed in school buses, instruction in the use of such systems, including but not limited to the proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system, acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on students, times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released, and acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use
- d. Proper passenger conduct
- e. Bus evacuation
- f. Location of emergency equipment

As part of this instruction, students shall evacuate the school bus through emergency exit doors. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit. (Education Code 39831.5)

Each time the above instruction is given, the following information shall be documented: (Education Code 39831.5)

- a. District name
- b. School name and location
- c. Date of instruction
- d. Names of supervising adults
- e. Number of students participating
- f. Grade levels of students
- g. Subjects covered in instruction
- h. Amount of time taken for instruction
- i. Bus driver's name
- j. Bus number
- k. Additional remarks

This documentation shall be kept on file at the district office or the school for one year and shall be available for inspection by the California Highway Patrol. (Education Code 39831.5)

3. Before departing on a school activity trip, all students riding on a school bus or student activity bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to: (Education Code 39831.5)
  - a. Location of emergency exits
  - b. Location and use of emergency equipment

This instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit. (Education Code 39831.5)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written safety information to the parents/guardians of all students in grades prekindergarten through 6 who have not previously been transported in a school bus or student activity bus. This information shall be provided upon registration and shall include: (Education Code 39831.5)

1. A list of school bus stops near each student's home
2. General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones
3. Red light crossing instructions
4. School bus danger zone
5. Walking to and from school bus stops

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

39830-39842 Transportation, school buses

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

PENAL CODE

241.3 Assault against school bus driver

243.3 Battery against school bus driver

VEHICLE CODE

545-546 Definition of school bus and school pupil activity bus

22112 Loading and unloading passengers

27316 Passenger restraint systems

34500 California Highway Patrol responsibility to regulate safe operation of school buses

34501.5 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: safe operation of school buses

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

34508 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: equipment and operations of school buses

34508.5 Investigation of accidents

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14102 Instruction in bus safety and evacuation

14103 Authority of the driver

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1293 Motor carrier safety

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