

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES

Adverse Driving Conditions

The Superintendent or designee may consult with the California Highway Patrol or appropriate weather service for information about road conditions and visibility. He/she shall suspend home-to-school transportation service whenever precipitation or atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less.

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 6118 - Weather-Related Schedules)

Student Instruction

Students who are transported in a school bus or school student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedure and passenger safety as follows: (Education Code 39831.5)

1. Before departing on a school activity trip, all students riding on a school bus or school student activity bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to:
 - 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.

2. At least once each year, all pre-kindergarten students and students in grades K-8 who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver.
 - b. Proper passenger conduct.

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

- c. Bus evacuation.
- d. 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.

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Each time the above instruction is given, the following information shall be documented:

- 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 for one year and shall be available for inspection by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall give safety information in writing to the parents/guardians of all pre-kindergarten students and students in grades K-6 who have not previously been transported in a school bus or school 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. Safety in walking to and from school bus stops.

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(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

39830-39841 Transportation, school buses

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

VEHICLE CODE

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14102 Bus evacuation instructions

14103 Authority of the driver