

Board Policy: 5131.1A GUIDE TO STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Woodland Joint Unified School District wishes to remind all parents that school bus service is a privilege granted by California Education Code Section 48900. Buses may be equipped with video surveillance equipment to monitor passenger activity.

The Woodland Joint Unified School District Governing Board had adopted Rules and Regulations to assist students in understanding their responsibilities while riding buses of this school district. These rules will assure safe and proper travel to and from school and are to be observed while riding the bus and waiting at school bus stops. The following list of student actions constitutes violations of the established rules and regulations, pursuant to Education Code Section 39831:

1. Not being at the bus stop before bus arrival time.
2. Abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair, etc.) in or when loading or unloading buses.
3. Fighting on the bus or at bus stop.
4. Using other than the student's regularly designated bus stop.
5. Using profane language or obscene gestures.
6. Unauthorized exits (from emergency doors or windows).
7. Putting any part of the body out of a bus window at any time.
8. Any movement out of the seats while bus is in motion.
9. Riding the bus during suspension or expulsion.
10. Not entering the bus in an orderly manner, taking a seat, fasten the restraint system, and remaining seated with feet on the floor facing forward in seat with feet or any body part out in the aisle.
11. Creating excessive noise.
12. Any improper bus stop procedure (not lining up, rock throwing, playing in streets, any property damage at bus stops, etc.)
13. Any type of damage or defacing of bus.
14. Lighting of matches, cigarettes, smoking on bus, e-cigarettes, using vaping devices possession, use, or under the influence of any controlled substance.
15. Throwing any objects in, out of, or at the bus.
16. Littering of any kind.
17. Transporting animals, insects in glass jars, or any glass containers and large parcels on bus.
18. Eating or drinking on the bus.
19. Giving improper identification when requested by the driver.
20. Not taking specific seats assigned by the driver.
21. Failure to follow bus driver instructions.
22. Verbal or physical abuse of the driver or student considered bullying.
23. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for pupils to be denied transportation in accordance with regulations of the Governing Board of the District.

The order in which denial of transportation may occur is as follows:

1. First Citation: Warning of possible bus riding suspension.
2. Second Citation: Three-day bus riding suspension.
3. Third Citation: Two-week bus riding suspension.
4. Fourth Citation: Balance of school year bus riding suspension.
5. Fifth Citation: Possible permanent bus riding suspension.