

SALIDA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUS REGULATIONS

Transportation to and from school is a privilege provided to students by the Salida Union School District. Firm standards of discipline must be maintained at all times for safety reasons. Whenever a driver is distracted, children's safety is in danger. Foremost in our minds is the safety of each passenger.

All pupils shall get on and off at their regularly designated bus stop. Parents shall fill out a "Transportation Request" form in the school office if their child needs to change bus stops, ride a different bus, or is a new student.

The driver shall escort all pre-kindergarten through eighth grade pupils across the road (VC 22112), regardless if the parent/guardian is present. However, the children should be on the same side of the road as the bus stop prior to the bus arriving. Parents should park their vehicles on the same side of the road as the bus stop when dropping off or picking up children.

- All school rules (including dress code) will be enforced on the bus.
- All buses are equipped with cameras.

Bus rules and regulations:

1. No standing, loud talking, scuffling, playing or fighting is allowed on the bus.
2. No loud talking, scuffling, playing or fighting is allowed while waiting in line at the bus stop.
3. Students shall stay in their seats except when loading or unloading.
4. Students shall not eat or drink while on the bus. This includes chewing gum, candy, and sunflower seeds.
5. No part of the body shall be extended through the bus window.
6. Students must remain quiet while the bus is stopped at railway crossings.
7. Students shall not leave the bus through the emergency door exits unless an emergency actually exists.
8. No animals, large objects, glass or breakable containers are allowed on the bus.
9. No object of any kind is to be thrown in or out of the bus.

Discipline and Consequences:

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus.
2. The riding privilege of a student may be revoked for a violation of the rules.
3. The site administrator will assign consequences based on the severity of the incident and according to the Student Conduct Code.
4. Concerns about transportation should be directed to the Transportation Department at (209) 545-1355.

Consequences:

A rider who fails to comply with the rules, will be issued a **BUS CITATION** by the bus driver or the school site administrator. Citations will be given to students at the school site and are to be taken home and signed by a parent and returned to school the next school day. Possible consequences are as follows:

- Warning One Day Suspension Three Day Suspension Five Day Suspension
 Ten One Day Suspension Thirty One Day Suspension Suspension Rest of the Year

** Special Education students may be provided an IEP meeting to determine transportation concerns.

Bus Loading Zones:

The bus loading zones and parking lots are restricted to school use only. Private vehicles are not permitted to park in the bus loading zone area. This area is marked and labeled bus-loading zone with red paint. If you are parked or stopped in the bus loading zone, your license plate number will be turned into the CHP. This procedure is to keep the congestion out of the bus parking area and for the safety of the children.

Kindergarten Bus Passengers:

Kindergarten students will not be dropped off at their bus stops without a parent or guardian present. If the parent/guardian is not present when the students is to be dropped off, the bus driver will return the child to the school site at the end of his/her route. Parents will then need to pick up their child at the school site. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in suspension of transportation privileges.

CELL PHONE RULES:

Cell phones and electronics are to remain out of site or kept in backpacks until students are off the bus.

Violation of any rules may result in disciplinary action such as, but not limited to; seat assignment, bus citation and/or suspension from school. Rules and/or citations are subject to change without notice.

(Please Sign this portion and return to your school)

I have read the Bus Safety Rules with my Child.

School Site: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____