

Cottonwood Union School District

Student School Bus Regulations

The Cottonwood Union School District Board adopted the following regulations to ensure safe and proper travel to and from school, to other school functions, and while waiting at the bus stops. The following is a list of some violations that will be dealt with using established consequences:

1. Abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair, etc.) on the bus or when loading/unloading bus.
2. Fighting on the bus or at the bus stop.
3. Any improper bus stop procedures (not lining up, rock throwing, playing in streets, any property damage at bus stops, etc.)
4. Using profane language or obscene gestures.
5. Putting any part of body out of bus window at any time.
6. Any movement **out** of seats while bus is in motion.
7. Legs, feet, and objects obstructing aisle, or facing to the rear in seats.
8. Creating excessive noise.
9. Any type of damage or defacing of bus.

10. Lighting of matches, cigarettes, or smoking on bus.
11. Unauthorized opening, closing, or tampering of any kind with bus doors, windows, or emergency exits.
12. Throwing any object in, out of, or at the bus.
13. Littering of any kind.
14. Transporting live animals, reptiles, or insects on the bus.
15. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum on the bus.
16. Using other than the students regularly designated bus stop.
17. Unauthorized exits from emergency doors or windows.
18. Tampering with radio or bus controls.
19. Bringing glass or breakable containers on the bus.
20. Having pencils, pens and other sharp or pointed objects out on the bus.
21. Failure to remain quiet at all railroad crossings and school loading zones.

22. Failure to obey driver.
23. Disrespect to the bus driver.
24. Give improper identification when requested by the driver.
25. Other unauthorized or unsafe actions.

Authority of bus driver states: (Sect. 14263, Calif. Administrative Code, Title 5)

(a) Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus enroute between home and school or other destinations.

(b) Boards of trustees shall adopt rules and regulations to enforce this section. These regulations shall include, but not be limited to, specific administrative procedures relating to suspension of riding privileges and shall be made available to parents, pupils, teachers, and other interested parties.

Penalties for infractions of established rules are listed below: NOTE: Any infraction may warrant an **indefinite** bus riding suspension.

1st Citation – Warning or possible bus riding suspension

2nd Citation – Five (5) school days riding suspension

3rd Citation – Ten (10) school days riding suspension

4th Citation – Balance-of-year riding suspension