

School Bus Safety

This pamphlet has been designed to inform you and your child of the rules and procedures to be followed while riding on the Toltec School District buses.

The district feels that each student who rides a school bus is expected to behave in a manner which will help to make each ride safe and pleasant and which will enable the bus to operate on schedule. Enforcement of the bus safety rules is a responsibility shared by the driver, parent, principal, teacher, and student. The driver is primarily responsible for the conduct of students being transported. Behavior on the school bus should be comparable to the type of behavior required on the school campus.

Anything prohibited on school campus would also be prohibited on a district school bus.



If you have any questions relating to the information presented in this pamphlet, please contact your school principal/Assistant principal.

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If transportation or pick up needs for the day change, the office must be notified by 3 pm on the day of the change. We cannot guarantee that notifications made past 3 pm will be relayed on time.



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Parents/School Bus Riders:

This "Bus Rider Pamphlet" has been prepared and distributed as part of a continuing effort by the Toltec School District to provide for the safety of the children who ride our school buses. We encourage all parents and students to read the pamphlet carefully and discuss the material presented.

School bus transportation is a service provided by the District for students in specified transportation areas. Riding the school bus is a privilege and should be treated as such. A joint effort is required to make riding the bus an enjoyable and safe experience.

WAITING FOR THE BUS

- 1) Be at your bus stop approximately five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- 2) Stay a safe distance from the curb on the sidewalk area; do not wander into carports, lawns or on fences.
- 3) Do not play games in the street.
- 4) When the bus approaches, get in line. Line up parallel to the street away from the curb.
- 5) Stand clear of the bus until it has come to a complete stop. Do not push or shove while waiting. Let smaller children board first.
- 6) If you miss the bus, go straight home. Remember, your bus driver has a schedule to keep, and if you are not at the bus stop she/he cannot wait for you.
- 7) Parents should instruct their children on what to do if the bus is unable to pick them up:
 - a. Where to go to wait (home or friends).
 - b. Who to telephone (parents, school or friend).

BOARDING THE BUS

- 1) Always use the handrail.
- 2) Go up the steps one at a time and avoid pushing or shoving while boarding the bus.
- 3) Go directly to your seat. The bus will not move until all passengers are seated.

CONDUCT ON THE BUS

- 1) Passengers must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- 2) Place books, parcels and musical instruments on your lap. The bus aisle must be kept clear.
- 3) Loud talking, screaming and unnecessary movement is not allowed as it could distract the driver and create an unsafe condition.
- 4) Normal conversation is permitted, but vulgar or profane language is prohibited.
- 5) When the bus is stopped for railroad tracks, remain quiet so the driver may listen for the sound of approaching trains.

- 6) Do not change seats. Stay in the first seat selected.
- 7) Arms, head and all body parts must be inside.
- 8) Throwing objects inside or out of the bus may cause an accident and is not allowed.
- 9) Chewing gum, drinking pop or soda, or eating food or candy is not permitted.
- 10) Do not mark, cut or scratch any part of the bus. Vandalism costs everyone.
- 11) The emergency door and exits can be used only by students during supervised drills or real emergencies.

GETTING OFF THE BUS

- 1) Stay seated until the bus is completely stopped.
- 2) Use the handrail and take one step at a time when getting off the bus.
- 3) Do not push or crowd when getting off the bus.
- 4) Move away from the side of the bus immediately. Go directly home.
- 5) You must have a bus pass issued by the school secretary to get on or off at a bus stop other than your regular stop.
- 6) If a dropped article rolls near or under the bus, do not crawl or reach under the bus. Go to the door of the bus and tell the driver. She/he will help you retrieve the article.
- 7) Do not chase or hang onto the bus.

CROSSING THE HIGHWAY

- 1) If you must cross the road, walk about 10 feet in front of the bus, then wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross.
- 2) Look continuously to the left and right as you cross the road. Walk directly across the road, do not run.
- 3) Never cross the road behind the bus.
- 4) **Caution!** Be alert for vehicles that do not stop when the bus is loading or unloading passengers.
- 5) When crossing at an intersection, check traffic in all directions. Stay in the designated crosswalk. Cross only when it is safe to do so.

GENERAL

1. Obey the directions of the bus driver promptly. Students refusing to obey the driver's instructions or to obey bus regulations shall forfeit the right to ride a school bus. The Bus Driver is in charge.
2. Students are to board and to get off the bus only at their designated bus stop.
3. Students are to ride only the bus to which they are assigned. Any permanent request for a bus change must be made by a parent in writing, on a bus change form, or by phone to the school secretary one hour prior to the end of day.
4. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation to/from school for a child who misses his/her bus.
5. Students may not consume food or drink at the bus stop or on the bus except for water.
6. An adult must meet kindergarten students at the bus stop for pick up.