

Plumas Lake Elementary School District Transportation Department

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUPILS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

The following rules have been established by the District to help the bus driver to perform his/her job. Each Bus driver is responsible for all the children on the bus. This requires that full attention be given to the job of safely driving the bus. If each student will read these rules and follow them, it will provide a safe ride for all the pupils.

Riding a school bus is a privilege. This privilege will be revoked if the rules and regulations of riding are not followed.

1. Any acts of violence or abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, tripping, pulling hair etc.).
2. Using other than the student's regularly designated bus stop.
3. Putting any part of the body out of the bus window at any time.
4. Once seated you are to remain in your seat until arrival at the final bus stop.
5. Legs, feet, and objects obstructing the aisle or facing to the rear in seats.
6. Creating excessive noise (yelling, whistling, music etc.) and/or using profane language or obscene gestures.
7. Unauthorized opening, closing, or tampering of any kind with bus doors, windows, Emergency exits.
8. Any type of damage or defacing of a bus (removing, loosening, or dismantling any part of bus or equipment).
9. Throwing any objects in, out of, or at the bus.
10. Failure to show/provide a current valid bus pass.
11. Transporting any sporting equipment (i.e. skateboards, scooters or like items) live or dead animals, reptiles, or insects on school bus.
12. No eating, drinking or chewing gum on the bus.
13. Disrespect or failure to obey the bus driver.
14. Possession or use of any illegal drugs, tobacco or alcohol are prohibited.

15. Failure of the pupil to promptly identify himself/herself to the school bus driver or any school authority.
16. The use or possession of any weapon (guns, knives, clubs, etc.) or other dangerous objects.
17. No spraying of perfume, deodorant, or aerosols of any type.
18. Other unauthorized or unsafe actions.

Pupils transported in a school bus shall show/provide a current bus pass and will be under the authority of, and responsible directly to the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across the 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 in route between home and school or other destinations, except to the custody of school officials, a law enforcement officer, or parent/guardian. (Special Education students suspended from bus transportation shall be provided with alternate means of transportation).

When pupils do not obey rules and regulations, the driver will fill out an Unsatisfactory Conduct Form stating the violation and turn it into the Transportation Department.

The Director of Transportation and/or Principal will then review each notice of unsatisfactory conduct on the school bus and shall have the responsibility of determining whether a student will be suspended from the privilege of riding the bus. Depending on the severity of the violation and the circumstances, the disciplinary action may be modified.

Disciplinary Warnings

<u>First Referral:</u>	Warning (Contact of parent/guardian)
<u>Second Referral:</u>	Three-day (3) loss of bus privileges.
<u>Third Referral:</u>	Ten-day (10) loss of bus privileges.
<u>Fourth Referral:</u>	Loss of bus privileges for 30 days.
<u>Automatic five-day (5)</u>	Loss of bus privileges for fighting or overt challenge of driver's authority

No refunds will be given if a student reaches his/her 4th offense.