

PARADISE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS



## BE SAFE

- Students must follow the driver's instructions at all times.
- Students must remain seated and facing forward with their feet on the floor.
- All parts of the body must remain inside the bus and away from open windows.
- When loading, students must remain at least 12 feet away from the bus until the doors are opened!
- Students must observe pedestrian safety at all times and are not to cross the street unless escorted by the driver.
- Emergency equipment is not to be tampered with unless instructed by the bus driver in the event of an emergency.

## BE RESPECTFUL / BE KIND

- Students must not spray aerosols, colognes or perfumes on the bus.
- No Littering ~ No objects of any kind are to be thrown in or out of the bus.
- Students are not to interfere with other students or their possessions.
- Cell phones & electronic devices must not be seen.

## BE RESPONSIBLE

- Every student must be registered to ride the bus.
- Students must talk quietly (no yelling, screaming or other loud noise that may distract the driver).
- Eating, drinking and chewing can be choking hazards and are not permitted on the bus.

### CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

*Meeting STUDENT EXPECTATIONS is imperative to maintaining a safe environment both inside and surrounding the bus. Riding privileges may be suspended or revoked.*

**SEVERE OR SAFETY VIOLATIONS (SUCH AS REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER OR ANY ACTION THAT JEOPARDIZES OTHER PEOPLE) MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LOSS OF RIDING PRIVILEGES.**



## BUS TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURE

Bus stops are designated by the District Superintendent and may need C.H.P. approval if they do not meet state standards.

Service to bus stops that are not used for 3 consecutive days may be discontinued and need to be reestablished by a phone call to the transportation office.

Students are expected to be at their bus stops 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Students are to get off only at their designated stop.

Students violating safe riding practices or bus rules may receive a bus incident report. Students may be videotaped while on or near our school buses. Behavior observed on tape by district personnel may result in disciplinary action. The driver may find it necessary to assign a seat to any student for their safety and/or the safety of others.

Riding privileges may be lost as a consequence after parents are notified either by a phone call, email or first class mailing to student's address of record.

Parents and students may request a meeting with the bus driver and administration after being notified of loss of riding privilege. This notification and the meeting should be in a timely manner.

Students MUST be registered for transportation in order to ride the school bus. Notes will not be accepted by the bus driver.

Please label student belongings (i.e. backpacks, jackets, etc.) with student name, school and phone number.

In order to ensure maximum safety, students should not bring large or fragile objects on the bus. Pupils may not transport articles of personal property that interfere with the safe operation of the school bus or block aisles, windows, emergency exits or stairs. Under no circumstances shall a pupil block the emergency exits. The school district and its personnel are not responsible for items transported on board the bus. PUSD will not be held liable for lost or stolen items. Bring items on the bus at your own risk.

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL BUSES DURING REGULAR BUS RUNS:**

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| The wearing of footwear with cleats, spikes or wheels                        | Laser pens/lights/pointers                        |
| Roller blades  | Large instruments                                 |
| Skateboards / Snowboards   | Pets, live animals, reptiles, bugs, etc.          |
| Scooters   | Plants and flowers                                |
| Hockey sticks / Lacrosse Sticks  | Water guns or toy guns/weapons of ANY kind        |
| Skis/poles   | Glass / Hazardous Objects                         |
| Any type of pole or stick  | Open food or drinks (with the exception of water) |
| Large equipment bags   | Golf bags   |
| Balloons (inflated)  | Smoking / Tobacco products (of any kind)          |
| Large school projects <i>(projects must be able to sit on student's lap)</i> | Unauthorized Passengers                           |