



CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Transportation costs are partially offset by School Bus Pass fees. Bus passes may be purchased on the District website, cnusd.k12.ca.us/transportation. All riders must display bus passes before boarding. Low-income families may be eligible for exemption from fees, but must submit an application online. Buses are operated by First Student, a private contractor. The company provides home-to-school, special-education, and field-trip busing. They may be reached at (951) 736-3304.

ELIGIBILITY

CNUSD may provide transportation for students who meet the following requirements: (1) students that have an Individualized Education Program requiring it, (2) students whom an accommodation is appropriate under the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act, (3) Elementary students (grades K-6) for whom the distance from their primary residence to their school of attendance is greater than 2.0 miles measured from the nearest pedestrian entrance of the campus along public streets or trails, (4) for Secondary students (grades 7 through 12) residing in certain outlying areas or attending identified alternative programs, as specified by Board of Education action. Distance is measured using computer software maintained by the District Transportation Department.

Busing may be requested from the student's primary residence, or from a day-care address provided by the parent and verified by the provider. Students for whom joint custody has been ordered by a court may use either parent's address inside the District boundary.

AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT

Education Code Section 44807 states that pupils are accountable to the District for their actions from the time they leave home in the morning until they return home in the afternoon.

AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

The California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14103, states:

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 in accordance with regulations of the Governing Board of the District.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 precautions

- Students & Driver will be required to wear face masks.
- Should a student become ill while in transit, they will be isolated in dedicated seat two rows behind the driver.
- A minimum of two windows will be open on the bus to increase air.
- Signage for face mask coverings, symptoms, and wash hands often will be posted inside buses by the stairwell.
- Vehicles will be cleaned every night.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Students must not bring animals, glass, aerosol products, tobacco/nicotine products, dangerous objects, flammable or controlled substances, radios, laser pointers. Bulky items such as class projects or musical instruments may be carried only if the item does not displace any rider, does not obstruct the aisle or emergency exit, and does not obstruct the driver's vision in any direction. The District and the school bus contractor are not responsible for loss of personal property.



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BUS STOPS

School bus drivers are only allowed to pick up and release students at stops approved by the District. Students not eligible for transportation may not ride District buses to friend's homes, meetings, sports practice, etc. A list of stops is available at each school site and on the district website.

BUS STOP SAFETY

Students are expected to respect the privacy and property of homeowners near the bus stop and conduct themselves in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus. Littering, smoking, throwing any object, vandalism, dangerous play, taunting animals or harassing of others may result in loss of the riding privilege. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior at the bus stop and may be held financially liable for damage to property caused by their students. Parents should never allow their students to take toys, balls, or games to the bus stop. Students should be at the bus stop, on the proper side of the street, at least five minutes before their pickup time. Parents are cautioned against allowing students to arrive unsupervised at bus stops excessively early. School bus operations are based on telephone company time. As the bus arrives, students must stay in line, at least twelve (12) feet from the curb, and not move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the school bus driver has instructed the students to board. Once the driver has closed the door and pulled away from the stop, he will not stop for students late to the stop. Students must never run after or along the side of moving buses. Because the District is in one of the most congested areas of the state, buses may be delayed without warning. Parents are encouraged to wait with their students at the stops, and to discuss with their students what to do in the event the bus is late. When returning home, students in grades K through 12 who need to cross the street on which the school bus is stopped will be escorted by the driver. Students must wait for instructions from the driver before crossing. Students must always cross the street in front of the bus. Students must walk, not run, completely across the roadway and continue moving away from the roadway. If students forget anything on the bus or drop something in the roadway, they are to tell the driver. They are not to run back into the roadway once they have crossed. Parents may decline the escort described above by meeting the school bus driver at the door of the bus, identifying themselves, and informing the driver they are taking custody of their student(s). Students are expected to go directly home from the bus stop.

RELEASE FROM RESPONSIBILITY

Kindergarten and special-education students are required to have a designated person at the bus stop to receive them, unless the parent or guardian has filed a Release from Responsibility form that allows the student to be released alone. If a kindergarten or special-education student cannot be released to the parent or designated responsible party, the school bus driver will return the student to school. Repeated instances of failing to meet a student may be reported to the Riverside County Office of Child Protective Services.



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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

- 1. Follow the Driver's Instructions:** School buses are just like classrooms; the adult is in charge. Drivers may assign seats and direct the students to remain seated until dismissed.
- 2. Stay Out of the Danger Zone:** The area around a school bus is called the Danger Zone (see the diagram below).
- 3. Remain Seated, Facing Forward:** School bus seats are specially designed to protect passengers. They are only effective if riders face the front and stay in their seats until the driver tells them to stand up and exit.
- 4. Keep Hands, Feet and Objects to Yourself:** On the bus, fighting, pushing, horse-play or throwing something might distract the driver and cause an accident. Students must keep all parts of their body inside the bus, and never throw anything out the window.
- 5. Be Polite and Talk Quietly:** Everybody on the bus has the right to a safe, orderly environment. Students need to use good manners and talk quietly only to the riders in the same seat with them.
- 6. No Eating, Drinking, Smoking or Gum:** Eating on the bus may create a choking hazard, cause someone to slip, or attract germs and insects. Buses are considered district property and are tobacco-free.
- 7. Bus Pass:** Students may be asked to display bus passes. Repeated failure to show passes may result in loss of riding privilege. Bus drivers are instructed to stop and secure the bus in the event student behavior makes continued operation unsafe. School administrators or law enforcement officers may be called to assist bus drivers if necessary.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

School bus drivers report violations of School Bus Safety Rules to school administrators, who may assign a range of consequences, including: (Verbal Warning, Written Warning, School Bus Riding, Contract Parent Conference, Opportunity Placement, After-school Detention, Saturday School, Suspension of Riding Privilege, Transfer to Community Day School)

SCHOOL BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

While on the bus and at bus stops, students are expected to follow all School Behavior Standards, which are contained in the Parent-Student Handbook. Violations of School Behavior Standards that take place on school buses may result in serious consequences, including suspension or expulsion from school.

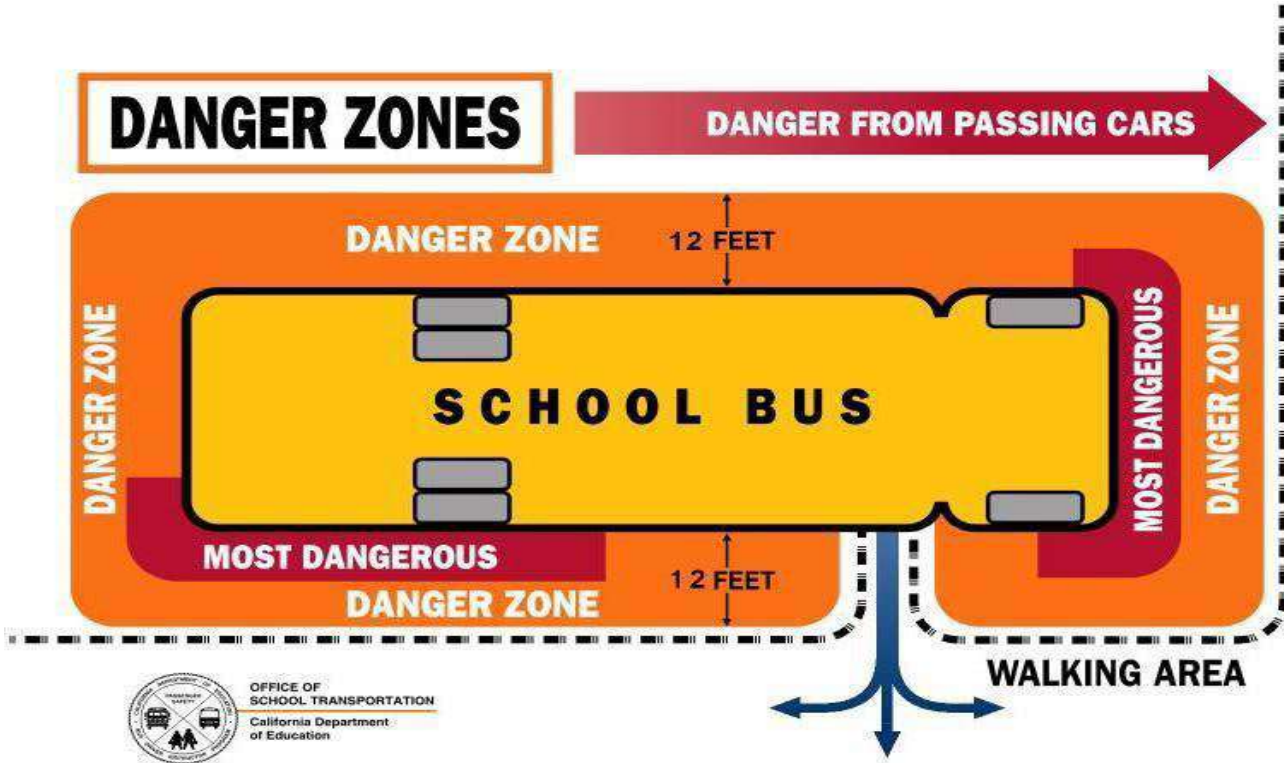
VIDEO/AUDIO SURVEILLANCE ON BUSES

The bus transportation fleet contractor (First Student) utilized by the Corona-Norco Unified School District has equipped the interior of their buses with video/audio surveillance as an added safety measure. Policies regarding the utilization of video/audio surveillance can be found in AR 3522 and will be the responsibility of the Director of Transportation.

THE DANGER ZONE

Inside a school bus is among the safest places your child can be. Outside the school bus, children (and adults) must be very careful to avoid serious injury.

Please show this diagram to your students and make them aware of the Danger Zone.



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