

## ANTELOPE VALLEY SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BUS RULES

1. Cooperate with the driver. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled bus departure time. While going to and from the bus stop and while waiting for the bus, keep out of the street and off private property. Noise, rowdy behavior and property damage at the bus stop could cause the stop to be moved to a less convenient location. Students must use the designated stop closest to his or her home both A.M. and P.M. Any student having to use another stop in an “emergency only” situation only must have a note pre-approved by the school and parent receiving the child at the stop.
3. Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner. Do not push other students. Follow driver’s instructions concerning seating location and unloading procedures.
4. Be seated promptly. Be willing to share the seat with fellow bus riders.
5. Always sit facing the front of the bus. Remain seated when the bus is in motion. Do not change seats without permission of the driver. Do not “save” seats for others.
6. Keep head, hands, and arms inside the bus at ALL times. Do not yell out of the windows to others outside the bus.
7. No physical contact of ANY kind is allowed. Keeps hands off other people and off others possessions.
8. Animals, insects, and reptiles are not permitted on the bus. Guide and signal dogs excepted. (54.2. Civil Code)
9. Glass containers, skate boards, roller blades/skates, and large musical instruments that cannot be carried on the student’s lap, radios, tape players, CD players, playground equipment, etc and other large bulky items are prohibited on the bus. (Pupils should arrange for parents to transport such items when required). Special arrangements must be made for transportation of athletic equipment. Cleats and or spikes must be removed prior to boarding the bus.
10. Bus aisle and emergency exits must be kept clear of feet, legs, arms, books, and lunches.
11. Keep the bus clean. Students are not to eat, drink, or chew gum or tobacco on the bus.
12. Students must wear shoes and shirts at all times while on the bus. No open cosmetics or aerosol cans are permitted.
13. Do not use obscene or profane language. Smoking, any narcotics, weapons, and lighting of matches are not permitted on the bus. No hazardous materials, liquids, or gases are permitted on the bus.
14. Do not deface or destroy bus equipment. Damage to seats, windows and other parts of the bus are unnecessary and costly. The student responsible for the damage will pay for any damage caused by a student.
15. Avoid loud talking, loud laughter or unnecessary confusion (it may divert the driver’s attention and could result in an accident).
16. Students living across streets, upon which the bus is stopped to unload them, should cross only when the driver indicates that it is safe to do so. Students must cross the street in front of the bus and walk straight across the street. The driver will escort Elementary and Junior High students across the street.
17. In school districts with bus passes, students must show their bus pass before boarding the bus and may not use another student’s pass.
18. Students are NOT allowed to use cell phones while on the bus. Cell phones in student’s possession while on a bus MUST be left in backpack at all times.
19. Students that leave campus for any reason other than a school authorized, pre-approved appointment will NOT be allowed to ride the bus home in the PM.
20. If school bus is equipped with seat belts and shoulder straps, they MUST be worn at all times. Tampering with ANY seat belt or shoulder strap is PROHIBITED.

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