

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Roles and Duties of Employees

Authority of School Bus Drivers

NOTE: THE CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5, 14103 MANDATES THE BOARD TO ADOPT RULES RELATING TO BUS DRIVER AUTHORITY AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

Students transported in a school bus shall 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 students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. A bus driver shall not require any student to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations.  
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

School Bus Drivers

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school bus drivers employed by the district comply, at a minimum, with the following requirements for the transportation of students:

1. Possession of a proper license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.
2. Possession of a current Red Cross First Aid Certificate or certified completion of the first aid test given by the California Highway Patrol.
3. Possession of a current medical certificate as required by law.

All bus drivers shall also be required to attend driver training programs mandated by law and shall be familiar with and adhere to district policies and regulations relating to the transportation of students.

All school bus accidents shall be reported immediately to the California Highway Patrol, the district, and the driver's employer (if other than district). (Code of regulations, Title 13, 1219)

Series 3000  
3542

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

39833 Operating bus in violation of order or regulation or  
without operator's qualification

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14103 Authority of the driver

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1202 General provisions  
1219(a) School bus regulations  
1227 School bus stops

Policy

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