NOTE TO PARENTS

Please fill out bus form even if transportation services are NOT needed for your child. The transportation department needs a form for every student for fieldtrips, etc.

Thank you

Fall River Joint Unified School District

SCHOOL BUS RULES

STUDENT BEHAVIOR IS A SERIOUS SAFETY MATTER AT BUS STOPS AND ON THE BUS. THREE COMMITMENTS WILL BE STRESSED WITH SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS. THEY ARE SAFETY, ORDER, AND RIGHTS OF EVERYONE ON THE SCHOOL BUS AND NEAR THE BUS AT SCHOOL BUS STOPS. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING RULES PERTAIN TO THESE VALUES. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE SCHOOL BUS RULES:

THE BUS STOP

1. Students shall ride their designated bus at all times. Students shall load and unload at their designated bus stop.
2. Students are to be at their bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus arrives.
3. There will be no playing, shoving, or scuffling at the bus stop or when walking to or from the bus stop.
4. There shall be no harassment of others on or off the bus.
5. Students will wait ten (10) feet away from the edge of the roadway.
6. When the bus is approaching, the students are to remain still and let the bus come to them. Students will proceed to the bus only after it has stopped and the door has been opened.
7. Leaving and boarding the bus at other than the designated stop, on a temporary basis, shall be cleared using written permission. The note must be: a) written, signed and dated by a parent, guardian or school staff member and b) signed by the school principal.

SCHOOL LOADING ZONE

1. Students leaving the bus are to walk directly from the bus door to the school.
2. There will be no running or playing in school bus loading zones.
3. Never stand along side, in back of or in front of any school bus. Refer to the diagram of a school bus with the "danger zones" in this handbook.
4. Student are NOT allowed to be in the loading areas in the afternoons to go home until all of the buses have arrived and are parked in the loading zone.

ON THE SCHOOL BUS

1. Students shall be seated promptly.
2. The conduct in the bus shall be the same as in the classroom.
3. Students must be courteous to the driver, fellow passengers and passers-by. Rudeness and disrespect will not be tolerated.
4. No profane language or gestures will be tolerated.
5. No fighting or arguing will be tolerated.
6. Passengers shall remain seated, facing the front of the bus, at all times.
7. No one is permitted to leave their seat while the bus is in motion.
8. Passenger head, arms and bodies shall be kept inside the bus.
9. Nothing is to be thrown from the bus.
10. There is no eating, drinking, or gum chewing permitted on the bus.
11. Tobacco in any form is not allowed on the bus.
12. Students shall not be destructive. Students must report damage to the bus. Anyone who is found guilty of vandalism will be billed for the cost of repairs. They will also be denied transportation privileges until payment has been received.
13. The door, emergency exits, aisles, and windows are to be kept free of obstacles.
14. When riding a bus equipped with seat belts, your child is required to wear it at all times

STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH!

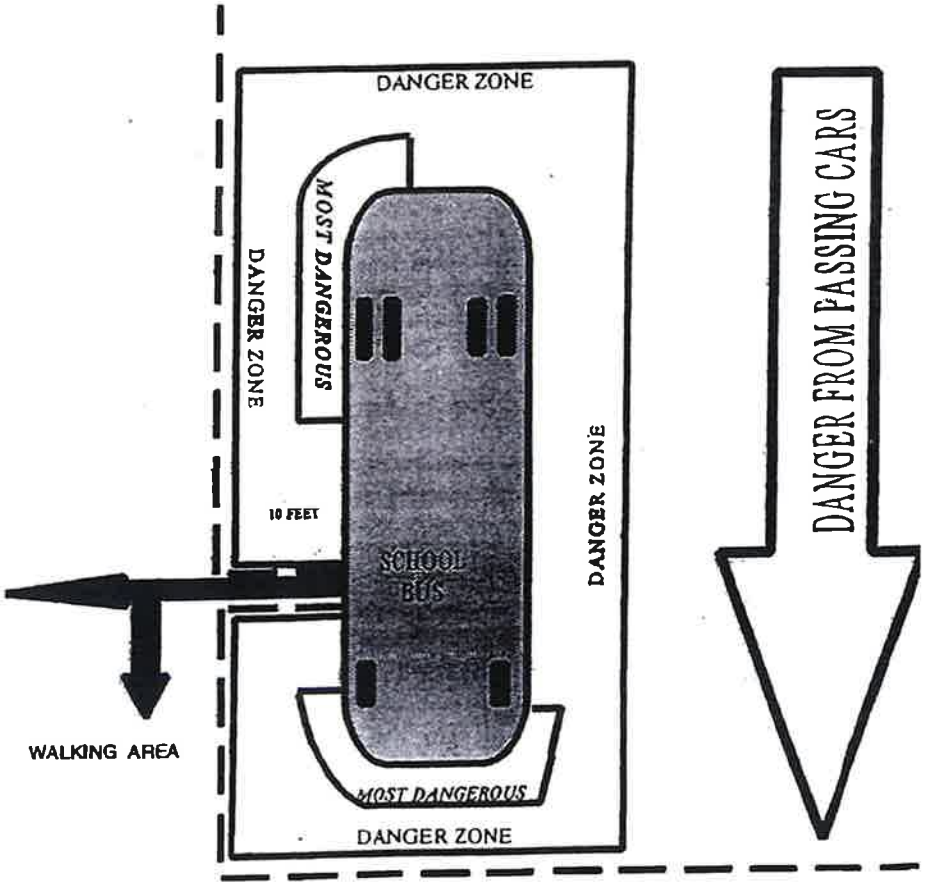
Effective January 1, 1998, almost every bus stop will become a red light stop. While a bus' red lights are flashing, the law says traffic must stop in both directions. Vehicles remain stopped until the flashing red lights go out. The new law, AB 1297, requires the driver to activate the red light in every location where a child is loading or unloading, whether or not the child will be crossing the roadway.

On approach to a school bus stop where pupils are loading or unloading from a school bus, the driver of the school bus shall activate the amber light warning system beginning 200 feet before the bus stop. The drive shall operate the flashing red signal lights and stop signal arm at all times while the school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils.

The driver will only escort those pupils in preschool, kindergarten, or any grades 1 to 8, inclusive, who need to cross the roadway. The driver shall use the handheld STOP sign while escorting all pupils. High school students may cross the highway unescorted but only after the red lights are flashing.

SCHOOL BUS DANGER ZONES

School buses are large vehicles. There are spaces around the bus where the bus driver, while in their seat, cannot see with straight vision or with the help of their mirrors. These spaces are called blind spots. To help everyone understand the importance of staying out of these areas, we have provided a diagram of the bus "danger zones". If a person was in that space the bus driver could not see them. If the bus driver started to move the bus, that person could be severely and possible fatally injured. It is not possible to bounce to your feet if a bus bumps you. Please take heed and be aware of where you are around the bus. Please help other children to understand where the safe space is and where the danger zones are.



STUDENT INFORMATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Where can parent be reached in case of emergency (if not at home)

MOTHER _____
Name Address Phone

FATHER _____
Name Address Phone

Please give exact location of home residence _____

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I authorize permission for my child to ride school district transportation as provided.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

District Policy 5131.1

The Governing Board may provide bus transportation for students within the district as permitted by law. Such transportation is a privilege and right, however, only insofar as the individual student continually and habitually displays good conduct and behavior while preparing to ride, riding, or after disembarking from the bus.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations for bus riders in the district shall be sufficient reason for a pupil's privileges to be suspended according to law.

The Superintendent of schools is charged with the responsibility of developing and maintaining regulations for transporting children.

Distances Involved in Transportation of Pupils at the Various Grade Levels Must be No Shorter than those Specified as Follows:

For pupils attending kindergarten or grades one, two, or three.....3/4 mile
For all other pupils attending an elementary school.....1 mile
For all students in grades 7 through 12 attending a six-year jr./sr. high school.....2 miles

For further information concerning the transportation of your child, please contact the Transportation Department at 336-5171. The location is the school bus garage on Walnut Street in McArthur.

(TRANSPORTATION USE ONLY)

ROUTE: _____

DESIGNATED BUS STOP: _____

TIME: _____ _____
A.M. P.M