

## BUS CONDUCT/SAFETY RULES

To insure the **safety** of students riding the school bus, all must abide by the following District rules and California state laws:

1. Please arrive at the pick-up point at least five, but not more than ten minutes before the bus is due.
2. Use only the bus and bus-stop assigned to you.
3. Orderly behavior is required at the bus-stop.

**Note:** As the bus arrives, **students must stay in line**, standing at least **six feet back from the curb**, and must **not move** toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop, and the driver has **opened the door**.

4. When boarding the bus, show the driver your bus pass.
5. Aboard the bus, find a seat quickly, fasten your seatbelt, and remain seated at all times, facing front, while the bus is in motion.
6. Talk quietly. Shouting, yelling, boisterous behavior, or any unnecessary loud noise cannot be permitted. (For the safety of everyone aboard, the driver must be able to devote full attention to the road. Unnecessary conversation with the driver, or creation of any distraction or disturbance will not be allowed. Students should be made aware that the safety of the whole group depends upon the proper, safe conduct of each individual.)
7. Keep head and arms inside of the bus, and never yell or shout out the window.
8. Eating, drinking, and gum-chewing are not allowed on the bus.
9. Animals – (mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, insects, etc.), glass objects, skateboards, or hazardous articles of any kind **MAY NOT** be carried aboard the bus.
10. Littering the bus, vandalism, or throwing anything in or out of the bus will not be permitted.
11. Always wear shoes on the bus—No bare feet. (Exception: cleats/spikes must not be worn aboard the bus.)
12. Students must never play or tamper with any part of the bus or its equipment.
13. Passengers should remain quiet as the bus stops, and while it is crossing the railroad tracks.
14. When getting off the bus, follow your driver's instructions, and always cross **in front** of the bus if you live on the opposite side of the street.
15. Do not bring weapons of any type.

Kindergarteners must be met by an Authorized Parent or Guardian.

Kindergartener may be released if you have read and signed the release section on the Bus Pass Application.

**(Note: Parent or Guardian must have a Photo ID)**

**ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE BUS.**

## PASS PURCHASING SCHEDULE

### ALL SCHOOLS

1st Semester .....Ends January 13, 2022

2nd Semester .....Ends June 3, 2022

14263. Authority of Driver. Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of the bus. 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.

**NOTE: For added security, surveillance equipment may be used on school buses.**

### **VIOLATION OF RULES OF CONDUCT WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF TRANSPORTATION AS FOLLOWS:**

1st offense .....warning/suspension  
2nd offense .....3 days bus denial  
3rd offense .....5 days bus denial  
4th offense ....determined by Administrator/Transportation  
Extreme acts of Violence.....immediate bus denial

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **HOME – SCHOOL – HOME BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**



## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

100 Nightmist, Irvine, CA 92618-1702

Phone (949) 936-5370

FAX (949) 936-5379



## QUESTIONS/ANSWERS REGARDING BUS TRANSPORTATION

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1. Q. Who needs a bus pass?  
A. Any student who rides the school bus?
2. Q. Why do I have to pay to ride the bus?  
A. Because state funding does not pay the entire cost of transporting students.
3. Q. How do I get a bus pass?  
A. By completing an application and paying for the pass.
4. Q. Where can I get an application and a bus pass?  
A. On the I.U.S.D. web page
5. Q. What are the hours of the Transportation Department?  
A. Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6. Q. Can I get a pass by mail?  
A. Yes, complete, and sign application, send a check and self-addressed, stamped envelope.
7. Q. Does everyone pay the same for a pass?  
A. No, fees vary according to income.
8. Q. What if I can't afford a bus pass?  
A. Free/reduced bus passes are available to those who qualify.
9. Q. Do I have to buy an annual pass?  
A. No, passes are available for the year, or semester.
10. Q. Are there deadlines for purchasing passes?  
A. Yes, see Pass Purchasing Schedule.
11. Q. What if my child loses or misplaces the bus pass?  
A. Replacement passes are \$15.00 each. No more than 4 per year will be issued.
12. Q. What if we move or have no further need of busing?  
A. IUSD refund policy is to refund only if moving out of the district.
13. Q. Are one-way bus passes available?  
A. Yes, purchased annually, or by the semester for ½ the cost.
14. Q. What if I only need a bus pass for a day or two?  
A. Sorry, daily or weekly passes are not available.

- 15. Q. Does my child have to carry his/her pass daily?  
A. **Yes, and it must be legible for bus driver to read stamps on it. Have pass replaced if not legible. NO PASS NO RIDE.**

16. Q. What if we move to another area of Irvine and the bus stop is different from one on pass?  
A. Bring old pass and new bus stop information to Transportation Department and new pass will be issued, \$15.00 each.
17. Q. Why should my Kindergartener be met?  
A. To ensure the Safe release of Kindergarteners to an Authorized Parent or Guardian.  
  
Kindergartener may be released if you have read and signed the release section on the Bus Pass Application.  
  
**(Note: Parent or Guardian must have Photo ID)**
18. Q. Can bus passes be transferred from one child in family to another?  
A. **No, back of pass states that all rights are revoked if transferred.**
19. Q. What happens if a student misuses his/her bus pass?  
A. Students attempting to use a lost, stolen, borrowed or forged pass may lose their riding privileges for the remainder of the year (without refund). Passes may not be used by anyone other than the person to whom it is issued to.
20. Q. What about rules and regulations for riding the bus?  
A. All students riding a school bus are required to abide by safety rules set forth by the state. (See Bus Conduct/Safety Rules)
21. Q. What happens if a student violates the rules?  
A. Student is denied bus transportation.
22. Q. Are seatbelts required on school buses?  
A. No, but alternative methods of safety must be in effect. Seatbelts shall be used when available.
23. Q. Does the IUSD have seatbelts?  
A. On some buses, yes; on some, no.
24. Q. On buses without seatbelts, what safety measure is taken?  
A. "Compartmentalization" - containing children within a structurally reinforced passenger compartment of fully padded, high back seats and crash barriers.
25. Q. What is IUSD's safety records on its buses?  
A. Excellent!
26. Q. Have a compliment or concern regarding bus transportation?  
A. Call Transportation - (949) 936-5370, Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.