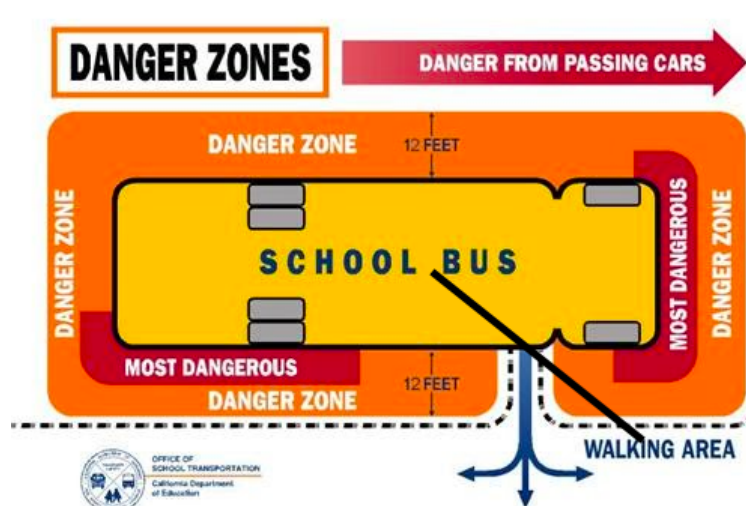




Las Virgenes Schools

School Bus Rules

1. Students must present a physical bus pass every time in order to board the bus or they will be denied transportation. (Screenshots on phones are not acceptable.)
2. Students should arrive at the bus stop **five (5)** minutes before the school bus arrives. For safety purposes, students should arrive at the bus stop no more than ten minutes before pick-up time.
 1. For the safety of all students, bus riders should not chase or run after a bus. If a student arrives without enough time to safely approach the bus, school administration will be notified.
3. If students are walking to the bus stop, they should follow the safest route. On the way to the bus stop, students should walk single file as far from the edge of the roadway as possible, and should not play or run.
4. If students are being driven to the bus stop, parents should park on the same side of the roadway as the bus, leaving enough room so the bus can pull in safely.
5. Students should wait in a designated location for the school bus, facing the bus as it approaches.
6. Students should wait for the bus to come to a complete stop, and let the driver open the doors before approaching the bus. Students should board the bus only when signaled by the driver.
7. Students should use the handrail when entering and exiting the bus to keep their balance. Students should not jump to the curb, but should step onto the pavement or ground.
8. Students should board the bus one at a time, move quickly to an open seat and fasten seat belt.
9. When exiting the bus, students should allow passengers closest to the front of the bus to exit first, and then students should immediately move away from the bus doors.
10. Students should not push, shove, or horseplay when boarding or exiting the bus.
11. Students must stay out of the bus's "Danger Zone" - anywhere within twelve feet of the bus. Students should not try to retrieve anything left on the bus after they have already gotten off or pick up anything they drop underneath the bus. Things can be replaced...children can't.



12. Students must always follow the driver's directions regarding how to cross the street. Students should make sure the bus driver sees them and that they can see the driver. Be alert to traffic, stop at the edge of the bus, look left-right-left before crossing the street. Always walk in front of the bus being aware of the danger zone.
13. Students must stay in their seats and the use of seatbelts is required at all times. Students should remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop. If exiting, students should wait to unbuckle their seat belt until after the driver has opened the doors.
14. Students must keep their heads, hands, and feet inside the bus. Students should never reach back into the bus through an open window.
15. Students should be courteous at all times, take direction and cooperate with the driver. Talking should be in a low conversational tone.
16. Students shall not use vulgar or profane language on the bus.
17. Students may not throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows, or create any unnecessary noise or commotion.
18. No smoking or vaping allowed. No intoxicating liquor or drugs are allowed on the bus.
19. No eating or drinking on the bus, except water, is permitted.
20. Students should keep the bus clean.
21. Students should never be destructive.
22. No animals shall be allowed on the bus, except trained service dogs.
23. Use of another student's bus pass will result in suspension of bus privileges for the owner of the bus pass, and the student using the pass.
24. Personal electronic devices may be used at student's own risk. Use of device is the student's responsibility. Volume must be turned off or earbuds should be used. Any violation will result in a one-day suspension from riding the bus.
25. If at any time, the county, state or federal government updates rules regarding Covid-19 and school bus transportation; parents and students will be required to comply.
26. A report will be kept on file for any student who is returned to their school site. Multiple occurrences relating to the return of a student to their school site could result in the suspension of bus privileges.

Flashing Red Light Information for Crossing a roadway for students in grades TK – 8

1. After the bus has come to a complete stop at a bus stop, all students who must cross a roadway at that stop will come to the front of the bus. The other students not needing to cross the street will remain seated.
2. When the bus driver starts the red lights flashing, the students that need to cross the roadway must follow the bus driver out the bus door.
3. Students must stand at the curb line until the driver instructs the students to cross the roadway.
4. State rules and regulations require that pupils who must cross the roadway from their bus stop to reach their homes must cross in front of the bus.
5. Exception: STUDENTS MAY CROSS THE ROADWAY UNESCORTED WHEN THERE IS A TRAFFIC CONTROLLED SIGNAL.
6. Parents cannot release the driver of the responsibility of seeing that the student complies with these rules.

Bus Related Issues

1. In the event of fog in the upper mountains, the bus will turn around at the nearest location and return the students to their school, and parents/guardians will need to pick their students up at school. A notice will be sent to parents if this situation ever occurs.

2. In the event of a bus breakdown, students must remain on board the bus until a replacement bus arrives. The drivers will escort the students onto the replacement bus, at which time the route will continue. Parents/Guardians will be notified by Parent Square regarding the delay. Parents/Guardians should not pick up their students at the location of the bus breakdown, and instead should wait for their student to arrive on the replacement bus.

TK, Kindergarten and First Grade Students

Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten and 1st grade students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the AM stop and be met in the afternoon at the PM stop unless the student(s) are riding the bus with their older sibling(s). The person receiving the student shall make their presence visible to the bus driver promptly. If TK, Kindergarten and 1st grade students are not met in the afternoon and are not accompanied by an older sibling, the bus driver will continue the route with the TK, Kindergarten or 1st grade student. Upon completion of the route, the bus driver will return the student to the school site and the parent/guardian will be notified.

For safety reasons, the following incidents will result in immediate revocation of transportation privileges and may result in suspension from school:

- Fighting at a bus stop or on a bus.
- Actions which endanger the safety of any person either at a bus stop or on the bus.
- Damage to property at a bus stop or on the bus.
- Tampering with controls, emergency equipment, or exits.
- Three or more written conduct/incident reports.
- Severe or pervasive behavior as determined by the district.
- Actions from parents or guardians towards students, staff, or transportation staff that violates the district's Civility Policy. Refer to Board Policy 1313 for more information.

Please note: Riding the school bus is a privilege. In order to help ensure everyone's safety, video cameras are used to monitor student behavior. The District believes that a partnership among the parents, the transportation provider and the district administration is critical to insure student safety, and on time service. The District hopes that you will help us help your child by ensuring they understand the behavior that is expected of them while riding the bus.

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