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School Bus Information

In the state of California, school districts are not required to provide regular transportation service. The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District has elected to provide limited home-to-school transportation service to students in the eligible service area (EC39807.5). To qualify for transportation services, a student must live within the eligible service area for their school of attendance.

Routes and Bus Stops

Per Regulation 3541: Transportation Routes and Services located in Board Policy, the Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops to promote the safety of students and maximum efficiency in the use of buses. Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

- For elementary school students, Grades K-6: One (1) mile radius
- For students attending a middle school, Grades 7-8: Two (2) miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist, and shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

Bus Pass Violations

All middle school students who wish to ride the bus are required to have a bus pass in their possession, and will be required to present this identification each time they board the bus.

- Students repeatedly attempting to ride the bus without their bus pass will be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including denial of transportation.
- To assure the safety of all aboard the bus, drivers are instructed to deny transportation to individuals who do not present a bus pass prior to boarding the bus.

Transportation Discipline Process

It is important for pupils to understand that riding a school bus is a privilege, and that they have responsibilities which they must meet in order to retain that privilege. Any student who fails to observe the rules and/or regulations of the Transportation Department, fails to follow the direction of any school bus driver, or creates a safety hazard for themselves or any other individual, will receive a "Bus Conduct Report" and may be subject to disciplinary actions, including denial of transportation privileges. Students must understand that the school bus is an extension of the school campus, and as such they are responsible for adhering to ALL rules and regulations of BOTH the Transportation Department AND the school campus at all times they are at a school bus stop or on the school bus.

The standard disciplinary process is listed below, however these are the minimum consequences. For cases of severe misconduct, students may be assigned more severe penalties.

- **1st Citation** - Warning and notification to parent or guardian
- **2nd Citation** - 3-5-day suspension of transportation privileges and notification to parent or guardian
- **3rd Citation** - 10-day suspension of transportation privileges and notification to parent or guardian
- **4th Citation** - Transportation privileges denied for remainder of the school year and notification to parent and guardian

If you have any questions pertaining to the information noted above, please contact the Transportation Department at (209) 745-1059.

Bus Rules/Discipline Process

The State of California and the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District have established rules and regulations for students riding school buses. The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Transportation Department needs your help to ensure that each student rider is transported safely and efficiently. You can begin by reading these rules and regulations, and discussing them with your student before riding the bus. The Transportation Procedure Committee has developed the following rules and regulations regarding pupil-passenger conduct: The California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 14103 states: *“Pupils transported in a school bus or in a school pupil activity bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. 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. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus enroute between home and school or other destinations.”*

1. Students will arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. For middle school students, have your bus pass ready to show to the driver upon boarding the bus.
3. Buses are not allowed to stop at any place other than a designated school bus stop. Parents should not flag down or drive in front of a bus in order to stop it.
4. When necessary to cross the street, always cross in front of the bus. Wait for the driver’s instructions.
5. Respect the rights and property of others while at the bus stop and on the bus. Students defacing property at the bus stop or on the bus will be required to pay for damages and may lose bus riding privileges.
6. Students are to follow the instructions of the driver; no insolence or disrespect will be tolerated and will be subject to suspension of riding privileges. Do not use profane language, obscene gestures, or create distractions that may affect the driver’s ability to operate the bus safely.
7. Help keep the bus free of litter by not eating or drinking on the bus unless authorized by the driver.
8. If not a regular rider, have written permission from parent or guardian and approved in advance by the school site administration in order to ride the bus.
9. If departing the bus at a different bus stop other than your own, give the driver written permission, signed by parent or guardian upon entering the bus.
10. Remain seated, facing forward with legs, feet and other objects clear of the aisle while the bus is in motion.
11. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus at all times.
12. Avoid all abusive body contact while at the bus stop and while on the bus. Fighting at the bus stop or on the bus will result in an automatic and immediate suspension of riding privileges.
13. Remain quiet at railroad crossings.
14. Littering public roadways is an unlawful offense, punishable by fines. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
15. Tampering with the controls, emergency exits, or other equipment on the bus, in any way, endangers the safety of others and may result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges.
16. Pets, rodents, bugs or snakes of any kind may not be transported on the bus.
17. Hazardous or destructive objects of any kind (i.e. firearms, weapons, glass objects or containers, explosives, sharp or pointed objects, lighters, matches or balloons) will not be accepted for transportation.
18. Any sporting equipment must be enclosed in a bag before boarding the bus. Emergency exits and aisles must be kept clear in case of emergency.