

Perris Union High School District, Board Policy 5131.1 states:

“In order to help ensure the safety and well being of students, bus drivers, and others, the Governing Board expects students to exhibit appropriate and orderly conduct at all times when using school transportation, including while preparing to ride, riding, or leaving the bus. Students found to be in violation of the district’s bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.”

CALIFORNIA STATE LAWS (SECTION TITLE 5 C.C.R.) “AUTHORITY OF THE BUS DRIVER” STATES:

“Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible 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 in accordance with regulations of the governing board of the District.” Being transported in a school bus is **A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.**

To prevent a bus ticket or a bus suspension your student must abide by the following rules:

1. Follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times. Enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to your seat.
2. Arrive to the designated bus stop on time and stand in a safe place while waiting for the bus.
3. Riders shall sit down and fasten any passenger restraint systems. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
4. Riders shall not block the aisle or emergency exit with their body or personal belongings. Riders may bring large or bulky items, such as a class project or a musical instrument, on the bus only if the item does not displace any other rider or obstruct the driver’s vision.
5. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
6. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.
7. Riders shall not use tobacco products, eat, or drink while riding the bus.
8. Riders may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or similar devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus.
9. Riders shall not put any part of the body out of the window nor throw any item from the bus.
10. Riders shall help keep the bus and the area around the bus stop clean. Riders shall not damage or deface the bus or tamper with bus equipment.
11. Service animals are permitted on the school bus; all other animals are prohibited.
12. Upon reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and upon the signal from the driver, unfasten any restraint system, enter the aisle, and go directly to the exit.
13. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the district’s transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.

I acknowledge the information written above concerning bus conduct and understand that my student will be responsible for abiding by these rules. **A copy of this document must be on file in the Transportation office. Please complete, sign and return to the bus driver on the first day your student rides the bus.**

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Name of student (please print)	School of attendance	
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Name of parent (please print)	Signature of parent	Date