



Fullerton Joint Union High School District Transportation Safety Plan

The following Transportation Safety Plan has been developed pursuant to California Education Code 39831.3 and is maintained by the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. The plan shall be revised as required. A copy of this document can be found on the Transportation website and is available upon request.

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California Education Code 39831.3

(a) The county superintendent of schools, the superintendent of a school district, a charter school, or the owner or operator of a private school that provides transportation to or from a school or school activity shall prepare a transportation safety plan containing procedures for school personnel to follow to ensure the safe transport of pupils. The plan shall be revised as required. The plan shall address all of the following:

(1) Determining if pupils require escort pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 22112 of the Vehicle Code.

(2) (A) Procedures for all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, **(FJUHSD is grades 9-12 and Adult transition)** to follow as they board and exit the appropriate school bus at each pupil's school bus stop.

(B) Nothing in this paragraph requires a county superintendent of schools, the superintendent of a school district, a charter school, or the owner or operator of a private school that provides transportation to or from a school or school activity, to use the services of an onboard school bus monitor, in addition to the driver, to carry out the purposes of this paragraph.

(3) Boarding and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination.

(4) Procedures to ensure that a pupil is not left unattended on a school bus, school pupil activity bus, or youth bus.

(5) Procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany pupils on a school pupil activity bus.

(b) A current copy of a plan prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be retained by each school subject to the plan and made available upon request to an officer of the Department of the California Highway Patrol. (Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 721, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2017.

California Vehicle Code 22112: School Bus Signal and School Bus Stops:

(a) On approach to a school bus stop where pupils are loading or unloading from a school bus, the school bus driver shall activate an approved amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, beginning 200 feet before the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall deactivate the amber warning light system after reaching the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall operate the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the school bus, at all times when the school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils. The flashing red light signal system, amber warning lights system, and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any place where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer or at any location identified in subdivision (e) of this section. The school bus flashing red light signal system, amber warning lights system, and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any other time.

(b) The school bus driver shall stop to load or unload pupils only at a school bus stop designated for pupils by the school district superintendent or the principal of a private school, or authorized by any of those individuals for school activity trips.

(c) When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, at a location where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer, the driver shall, before opening the door,

ensure that the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm are activated, and that it is safe to enter or exit the school bus.

(d) When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, at a location where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer or official traffic control signal, the school bus driver shall do all of the following:

(1) Escort all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, **(FJUHSD is grades 9-12 and Adult Transition)** who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped. The driver shall use an approved hand-held “STOP” sign while escorting all pupils.

(2) Require all pupils who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped to walk in front of the bus as they cross.

(3) Ensure that all pupils who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped have crossed safely, and that all other pupils and pedestrians are a safe distance from the school bus before setting the school bus in motion

(e) Except at a location where pupils are loading or unloading from a school bus and must cross a highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped, the school bus driver **may not activate** the amber warning light system, the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm at any of the following locations:

(1) School bus loading zones on or adjacent to school grounds or during an activity trip, if the school bus is lawfully stopped or parked.

(2) Where the school bus is disabled due to mechanical breakdown. The driver of a relief bus that arrives at the scene to transport pupils from the disabled school bus shall not activate the amber warning light system, the flashing red light system, and stop signal arm.

(3) Where a pupil requires physical assistance from the driver or authorized attendant to board or leave the school bus and providing the assistance extends the length of time the school bus is stopped beyond the time required to load or unload a pupil that does not require physical assistance.

(4) Where the roadway surface on which the bus is stopped is partially or completely covered by snow or ice and requiring traffic to stop would pose a safety hazard as determined by the school bus motor carrier.

(5) On a state highway with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour or higher where the school bus is completely off the main traveled portion of the highway

(6) Any location determined by a school district or a private school, with the approval of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to present a traffic or safety hazard.

(f) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, the Department of the California Highway Patrol may require the activation of an approved flashing amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, or the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the school bus, at any location where the department determines that the activation is necessary for the safety of school pupils loading or unloading from a school bus. (Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 769, Sec. 35. Effective January 1, 2013.)

The School Bus Danger Zone

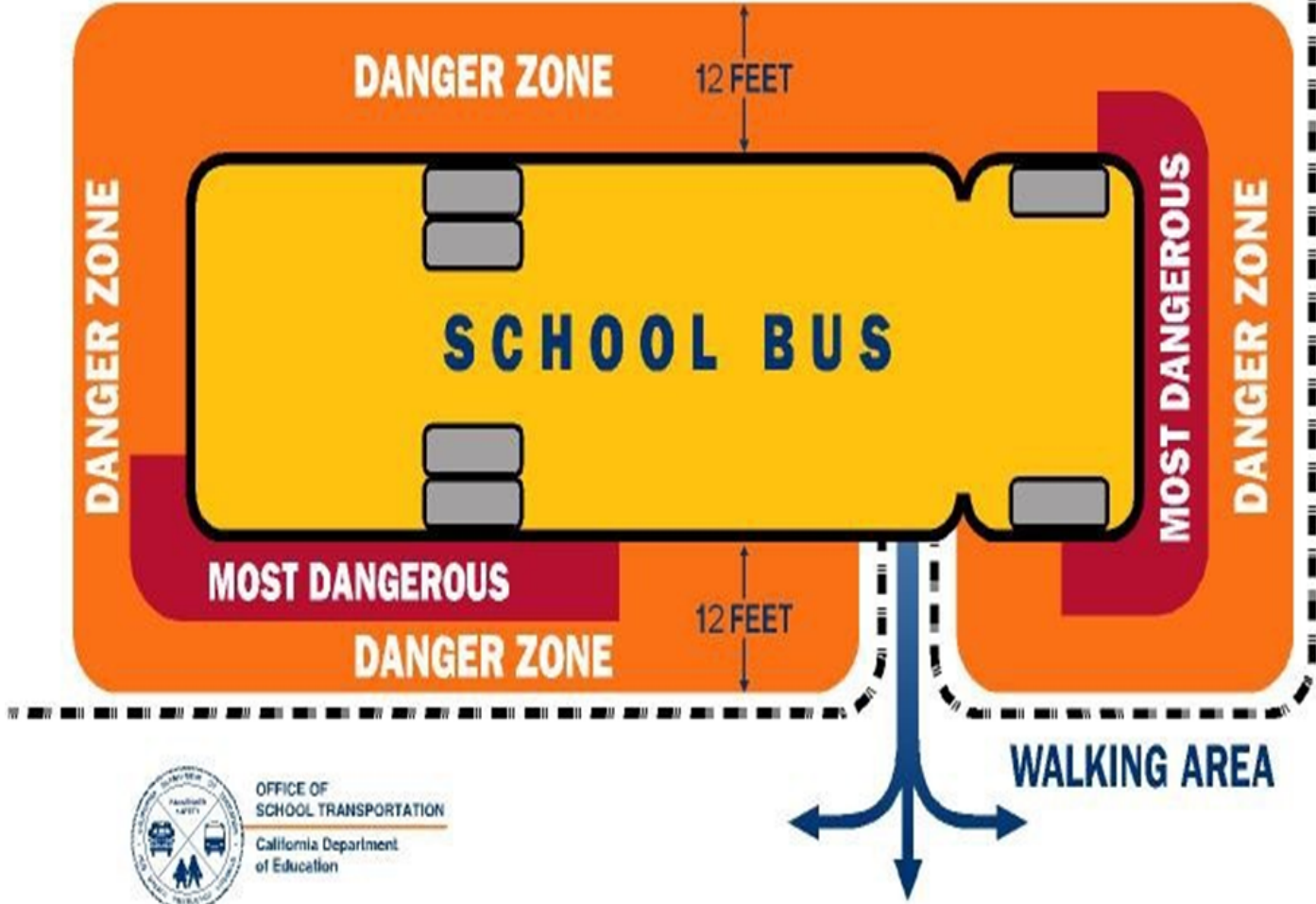
The danger zone is Twelve (12) feet around the parameter of the bus with the **MOST DANGEROUS** areas being directly in front of the bus, and on the right side to right rear of the bus, these areas are indicated in red. Students are not to cross the street without being escorted by the driver, and NEVER cross the street behind the bus

Drivers must be aware of the many dangers associated with areas outside the vehicle referred to as the danger zones. Drivers must check all mirrors for any pupils, pedestrians, or other problem objects in the danger zones prior to moving the vehicle. It is critical that proper mirror procedures be used before and during any movement of the vehicle.

Students are instructed by the driver to remain aware of the danger zones around the bus. When students board and leave the school bus they must avoid the danger zones around the bus. This places students within view of the school bus driver at all times.

DANGER ZONES

DANGER FROM PASSING CARS



California Education Code 39831.5

a). All pupils in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, **(FJUHSD is grades 9-12 and Adult Transition)** who are transported in a school bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety. The county superintendent of schools and superintendent of school district, shall ensure that the instruction is provided as follows:

1). Upon registration, the parents or guardians of all pupils not previously transported in a school bus and who are in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 6, shall be provided with written information on school bus safety. The information shall include, but not limited to, all of the following:

- a). A list of school bus stops near each pupil's home.
- b). General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones.
- c). Red light crossing instructions.
- d). School bus danger zones.
- e). Walking to and from school bus stops.

2). At least once each school year, all pupils in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 8 inclusive **(FJUHSD is grades 9-12 and Adult Transition)** , who receive home-to-school transportation, shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to, proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver, proper passenger conduct, bus evacuation, and location of emergency equipment. Instruction also may include the responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit. As part of the instruction, pupils shall evacuate the school bus through the emergency exit doors.

(3) Instruction on the use of passenger restraint systems, when a passenger restraint system is installed, shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(A) Proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system.

(B) Acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on pupils.

(C) Times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released.

(D) Acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use.

4). **Prior to departure on a school activity trip**, all pupils riding on a school bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to, location of emergency exits and the location and use of emergency equipment. Instruction may also include the responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

(b) The following information shall be documented each time the instruction required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) is given:

(1) Name of school district, county office of education, or private school.

(2) Name and location of school.

(3) Date of instruction.

(4) Names of supervising adults.

(5) Number of pupils participating.

(6) Grade levels of pupils.

(7) Subjects covered in instruction.

(8) Amount of time taken for instruction.

(9) Busdriver's name.

(10) Bus number.

(11) Additional remarks.

The information recorded pursuant to this subdivision shall remain on file at the district or county office, or at the school, for one year from the date of the instruction, and shall be subject to inspection by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 552, Sec. 13. Effective January 1, 2004.)

Child Checkmate System

The “Child Check-Mate System” is a patented unique alarm system which acts as an electronic reminder to drivers. This reminder helps ensure that all children have safely disembarked the vehicle upon completion of each run.

CCR, Title 5 Section 14103. Authority of the Driver:

Pupils transported in a school bus or in a school pupil activity bus shall be under the authority of, and be 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.

CCR, Title 13 Section 1217. Transportation of Passengers:

The driver of a school bus shall not eject any school pupil unless the pupil is given into the custody of a parent, or any person designated by the parent or school. These regulations apply at all times students are riding on a school bus. This includes field trips and all other special trips. It is the responsibility of all school personnel, parents/guardians and the students themselves to see that these regulations are followed.