



# PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

The Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Transportation Department, would like to acquaint you with rules covering your child's transportation to and from school. Your assistance and cooperation is needed to maintain safe, timely, and reliable transportation service for students of our district.

Your familiarization, cooperation, and adherence with the attached rules, will aid considerably in transporting your child with the maximum safety and service. We recognize that breaches of good discipline may occur which are not mentioned. In situations not covered, students are expected to use good judgment and conform to classroom standards of behavior. Instructions of the driver must always be followed.

School bus drivers are entrusted with a great responsibility. The safe transportation of your child to and from school is their primary concern.

Respectfully,

Jim Miller  
Director of Transportation

**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION SHEET**

**I. PURPOSE OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation of students is a service provided by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District and is not required by law. Students who use the District's transportation service must comply with rules and laws of both the district and the State of California or they may be denied access to this service.

**II. RESPONSIBILITIES**

Driver: Maintain safe and orderly conduct of all pupils who are provided district transportation.

School Site Personnel: Review bus rules with pupils and support drivers in maintaining a safe and orderly transportation system

Parents: Familiarize themselves with the district transportation rules, and review the rules with their children and support the district in providing safe and orderly transportation.

Students: Follow district transportation rules as regards to safe and acceptable behaviors on the bus. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.

**III. Bus Rules (Short version based on AP5407 and Title 13 CAC)**

The following rules, conduct and procedures shall apply to all students who are transported on buses.

- Follow directions of the driver
- Students are to face the front of the bus and remain seated while being transported. You may lower the window six (6) inches or less. Keep heads and arms inside the bus at all times. [Title 13, CAC, 1216(c)]
- Students are to be respectful of others and orderly while riding the bus.
- Students may not bring articles on the bus which are considered dangerous to the driver or other passengers, nor which block the aisles and/or emergency exits. Examples of articles, which may not be brought on the bus, are skateboards, glass or aerosol containers, and large musical instruments. If students are not sure about articles, they must ask the driver for permission. [Title 12, CAC, 1216(c)]
- You may get on and off the bus only at your assigned stop. If you need to get off at another regular bus stop, you must have a note from home and submit to the school office. The office may then issue a bus permission slip. Students who have to cross the road must cross at least twelve (12) feet in front of the bus and only when RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING. [Title 13, CAC, 1227(a)]
- Students must have a bus pass and must present it to the driver each time they ride the bus.

**IV. Bus Citation**

Students who refuse to obey the rules listed above may be issued a citation.

Citation system:

- 1) Citation issued by driver to school administrator.
- 2) School administrator contacts student and parents regarding citation.
- 3) School administration notifies Transportation if student is suspended from riding the bus.