

**BLACK OAK MINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**  
**BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**2023-24 School Year**

The following information has been designed to reflect the District goal of providing safe, prompt and courteous service.

The following sections reflect policy regarding student responsibilities and conduct on school buses:

- a. HPH 82.7 - Authority of Driver - Pupils transported in a school 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 or highway. 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.
- b. HPH 82.7 - Ejection of Pupils - 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 the school.
- c. CEC Section 48904 - Vandalism - The parent or guardian having custody or control of any minor whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any student, or any person employed by or performing volunteer services for a school district or who willingly cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures in any way property, real or personal, belonging to a school district, shall be liable for all such damages so caused by the minor.
- d. CCC Section 1714.1 - Vandalism - An act resulting in injury or death to another person or injury to the property of another shall be imputed to the parent or guardian having custody or control of the minors for all purposes of civil damages, and such parent or guardian having custody or control shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor for any damage resulting from such willful misconduct.

**District Guidelines:**

Students shall at all times conduct themselves in a courteous and orderly manner so that the above code sections are obeyed and the bus driver is not distracted, and so that the rights and feelings of other students, passing motorists and pedestrians are respected.

Additionally, the following rules are to be observed by students and enforced by drivers while riding school buses and waiting at school bus stops:

- 1. Pupils shall be under the authority of and directly responsible to the bus driver.
- 2. Pupils are to be at their designated bus stop at least five minutes before scheduled bus times. It creates a very dangerous situation to have students running from all directions or across streets to catch the bus.
- 3. Pupils are to face the front of the bus at all times.
- 4. Any damage to the bus by a pupil, which cannot be considered ordinary wear and tear, must be paid for by the pupil or parent.
- 5. Animals may not be transported on the bus including reptiles and insects.
- 6. Permission to transport large objects must be obtained from the bus driver at least one day in advance.
- 7. No glass or other hazardous materials may be transported on the bus.
- 8. Interior lights or dome lights which are turned on by the driver are signals for complete quiet in the bus.
- 9. All pupils must be completely quiet at all railroad crossings.
- 10. Pupils who must be escorted across the road by the driver shall stay on the bus until directed by the driver to exit and to cross the street.
- 11. No pupil is to change seats in front of, or block the way of, a pupil who is leaving the bus.
- 12. On leaving the bus, the pupil shall go directly home. No pupil shall leave the bus at other than his/her regular stop unless there is a note from his/her parents to that effect. The note is to be presented to the driver as the student enters the bus on the way home.
- 13. Playing musical instruments, eating, whistling, yelling, loud talking, profane language, throwing articles, shooting rubber bands, scuffling, or other commotion is not permitted.
- 14. No pupil is permitted to interfere with or to molest the property of another pupil while riding on, waiting for, or going to and from the bus.
- 15. While traveling on, waiting for, or going to and from the bus, pupils will conduct themselves in a manner that will not discredit themselves, their parents, or their school.
- 16. While on the bus, no part of the pupil's body shall be out of the window. At no time shall a pupil throw anything out of the window.
- 17. No pupil is permitted to share a bus pass. A bus pass is the sole property of the student to whom it has been issued and therefore is non-transferable.

**PENALTIES**

First reported violation:	Warning by Principal or Assistant Principal, notification of parent. Other consequences may be administered.
Second violation:	Student may ride home that PM, but will not be permitted on ANY bus for three (3) days and until there is a parent/student/school administrator contact.
Third violation:	Student may ride home that PM, but will not be permitted on ANY bus for twenty (20) school days and until there is a parent/student/school administrator contact.
Fourth violation:	Exclusion from riding ANY bus for the remainder of the school year.

**Route Change**

Each pupil is assigned to a definite bus and may be assigned to a particular seat. Pick up time, routes, buses and pick up points may need to be changed during the year to accommodate new children.

**Bus Schedule**

School buses operate on a time schedule and lost time cannot be regained. Therefore, the student must be ready to board the bus when the bus arrives. Please have your child at the assigned stop five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time. If he/she is not there, the driver will leave, assuming that the student is not going to school that day. In the event of an emergency and significant delays are anticipated, attempts will be made to contact parents by telephone.

### Drop-Off

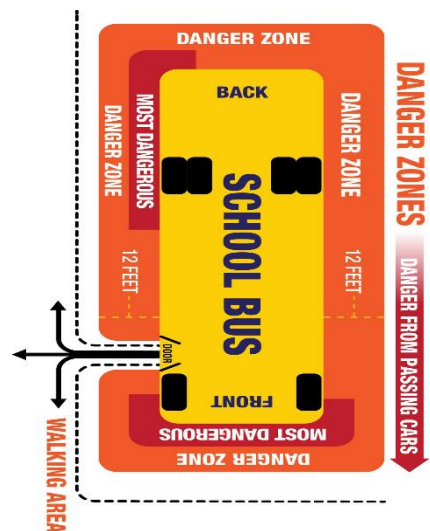
Return times could be early depending on students riding the bus that day so please be home at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled delivery time. **No student will be delivered to any address other than the regularly scheduled stop except in an emergency situation or when the student has a permission slip signed by parent or guardian.**

### Bus Danger Zones

The following diagram illustrates areas around a school bus that are dangerous. Parents are encouraged to discuss the danger zones with your children.

#### School Bus Danger Zone

The DANGER ZONE around the school bus is the immediate 12 foot vicinity on each side of the bus and the back of the bus. These are the blind spots for the driver and the most dangerous for a student. At no time shall a student stand or loiter before or after exiting the bus in this vicinity. After exiting the student must walk away from the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.



### Hygiene

For the comfort of the other passengers on the bus, it is important to maintain adequate standards of hygiene.

### Illness

Please do not send even a mildly ill child to school because he/she may become acutely ill a short time later. In fairness to your child and other children, keep a sick child at home.

### Personal Property

The Transportation Department assumes no responsibility for lost items, but every effort will be made to locate such items and return them to their rightful owner.

### Medication

Medication must be handed directly to the driver by the parent and/or teacher or teacher assistant and not placed among the student's personal belongings.

### If You Move

If you move during the school year, notify the Transportation Department, 333-8325, at least seven (7) days in advance to insure continuous transportation service. Do not send or take your child to school and expect the bus to bring your child home to the new address unless you have been notified that transportation has been arranged.

### Inclement Weather

During periods of inclement weather some roads and private driveways become hazardous or impassable. During the foggy season (November to March) it may be necessary to cancel or delay bus service when visibility from a stopped school bus is less than 200 feet in each direction, during regular home-to-school transportation service. On school activity trips, school bus drivers have the discretionary authority to discontinue school bus operation if the driver determines that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility. The Transportation Director or his/her designee will decide whether bus service should be cancelled or delayed. As conditions are subject to rapid change, every effort will be made to notify parents or guardians of weather related changes in routes. Parents or guardians may wish to listen to Radio KAHN 950 AM, KFBK 1530 or KCCL 101.9 FM or TV Channels 3, 10 or 13 for school route information regarding cancellations or delays due to fog, snow or ice. If there is no information broadcast prior to children leaving home for the bus stop, the children should not wait longer than 30 minutes beyond the usual bus arrive time on foggy days.

### Emergency Cards

Parents are responsible for completing emergency cards at the beginning of each school year. These cards are extremely important to the safety of the children. Failure to complete and return the cards or to update them during the year, if there are changes, may result in a loss of bus riding privileges.

**If you have any questions regarding transportation services, please contact the Transportation Department at 333-8325 between the hours of 7:00 am - 4:00 p.m.**