

Ceres Unified School District SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PLAN

The "Thomas Edward Lanni School Bus Safety Act of 1997" requires that the following items be incorporated into a school bus safety plan. The act also requires that the School Bus Safety Plan be on file at school sites and the Transportation office.

Pupils Requiring Escort

All pupils in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, shall be escorted across the highway or private road.

Rules for Boarding and Exiting the Bus for All Pupils in PreK - 8

At Each Pupil's School Bus Stop

1. Pupils must be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. State law does not permit care providers (parents/sitters, etc.) to escort any pupils across the roadway with the bus present, therefore, the care provider must wait on the same side of the roadway as the bus stop.
2. Pupils shall line up and stand in an orderly manner at least twelve (12) feet away from the location where the bus will stop.
3. Pupils shall wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door before moving closer than twelve (12) feet from the bus.
4. Pupils shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and shall not bring aboard items of injurious or objectionable nature.
5. Pupils shall exit the bus in an orderly manner as directed by the driver.
6. When exiting the bus, all Pre-K-8 pupils must wait to be escorted by the driver across the road.
7. When exiting the bus, all 9-12 pupils may cross the road without an escort as long as the red lights on the bus are flashing and all traffic has stopped. Students must cross in front of the bus.

At A School or Other Trip Destination

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2. Pupils shall wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver opens

the door before moving closer than twelve (12) feet from the bus.

3. Pupils shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and shall not bring aboard items of injurious or objectionable nature.
4. Pupils shall exit the bus in an orderly manner as directed by the driver or other adult in charge of the trip.
5. Pupils shall wait outside the bus in an orderly manner as directed by the adult in charge of the trip.

California Vehicle Code Requirements

Section 22112 of the California vehicle code has been amended to include the following requirements for bus drivers.

Drivers shall activate the flashing amber light warning system, if the bus is so equipped, beginning 200 feet before any bus stop where students are loading or unloading. They shall operate the flashing red signal lights and stop signal arm at all times when the bus is stopped to load or unload students. The flashing amber warning lights, flashing red signal lights and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any other time, or at any place where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer.

(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 bus is stopped, the flashing red signal lights and stop signal arm requirements do not apply 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 parked
2. Where the school bus is disabled due to mechanical breakdown
3. Where students require assistance to board or leave the school bus
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
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 the Superintendent or designee, with the approval of the California Highway Patrol, to present a traffic or safety hazard