



SFCS Bus Rules and Discipline Procedures During COVID-19

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The safety of our employees and our students is top priority, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are new expectations and guidelines we will be requiring of all our staff and students who board the school bus in order to keep everyone safe. These guidelines were developed in coordination with the Mariposa Public Health Department and in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Department of Education (CDE).

- Every morning, the driver and bus aide will be required to complete a self-screening process, stating that they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Face masks will be mandatory for all staff and students at all times while boarding and riding the school bus. Masks will be provided, if needed.
- Maximum capacity on the school bus is determined with all riders wearing face masks and riding approximately 3 feet apart, with the exception of those from the same household.
- Students will be screened and have their temperatures checked using a no-touch thermometer in the morning. Parents/guardians must wait at the bus stop until their student is on the bus. If students are symptomatic, they must return home.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to the students upon entering the bus.
- The bus will be equipped with cleaning and sanitation supplies to ensure proper disinfection of the bus between each bus route.
- The driver will limit students from walking past each other on the bus by taking the following measures:
 - Seat students from the rear of the bus forward.
 - Board bus in the afternoon based on the order in which students will be dropped off. Students who get off first will board last and sit in the front of the bus.
 - Seating will be adjusted based on the number of students assigned to each route so that the bus is equally distributed with students.
 - The bus will operate with windows opened to increase ventilation, weather and air quality permitting.

Student Expectations:

- Students are to walk and behave safely at the bus stop and around the bus.
- Students are screened for symptoms before permitted entry on the bus. Any student with a temperature of above 100.4 or exhibiting symptoms must return home.
- Hand sanitizer must be used by each student prior to entry on the bus.
- Masks are to be worn at all times on the bus.
- Seats will be assigned according to the order students enter and exit the bus. Siblings must sit together.
- Students are to remain seated, facing forward with seat belts fastened for the entire route until invited to stand and exit the bus.
- Courtesy and consideration must be shown to fellow passengers and the bus driver at all times.
- There is no eating, drinking, or playing on the bus.
- Students are not permitted to open or close the windows on the bus.
- There is to be no unauthorized opening, closing, or tampering with bus doors and emergency exits or other equipment.

- Students are not to shout, talk loudly, use profanity or make offensive gestures to others.
- No objects of any kind are to be thrown on, at, or from the bus.
- Students who cause destruction or damage to the bus will be ordered to pay restitution for the damages at a rate of the cost of repair or replacement value. Such offenses may be considered vandalism.
- Failure to comply with bus rules and expectations may result in suspension of bus riding privileges.

Parent/Guardian Expectations:

- **Due to space limitations, prior approval is required for a student to ride the bus for Hybrid Learning.**
- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes before departure time or drop off time.
- Instruct your student(s) how to behave on the bus.
- Notify the office in writing if your student(s) are allowed to walk home from a bus stop. (This will only be allowed for students in grade 4 and up unless accompanied by a responsible older student.) All others must be picked up at the bus stop by an authorized adult at the designated time.
- See that your student attends school even if transportation privileges have been suspended.

Bus Driver:

The driver of the bus shall be recognized as the ultimate authority on the bus and shall hold students accountable to maintain acceptable behavior on the bus consistent with approved policies, rules, and regulations. Specific seats will be assigned to the students by the bus driver or aide. The bus driver has the authority to issue written bus referrals for misconduct. These will be acted upon by the Principal/Superintendent and may result in the loss of riding privileges.

Items Prohibited on Bus:

- Pressurized cans, explosives, flammables or anything in a glass container are not allowed on the bus.
- Prior approval and arrangement must be made to transport oversized or potentially dangerous school projects. These should be stowed in bus storage places or adequately secured.
- Riders may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or other electronic devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the bus driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus. Cell phones and electronic devices may not be used for phone calls, texting, or taking pictures at any time while on the bus.
- No animals except guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs trained to provide assistance to individuals with a disability shall be transported in a school bus.
- No toys or trading cards are allowed on the bus without prior permission.

Discipline Procedures: A first offense most commonly results in a verbal warning, which may be followed by other actions, such as an assigned seat, written bus referral, and loss of riding privileges if the student's behavior is not corrected. Parents/guardians will be notified if misbehavior continues after a verbal warning. The Principal/Superintendent, in consultation with the bus driver, will make the final determination of appropriate consequences for misconduct.

Delayed Start and Snow Days: When school is delayed or cancelled due to weather or other hazardous conditions, SFCS will alert parents/guardians by phone call.



Bus Schedule During Hybrid Learning

Due to space limitations, prior approval from the office is required for a student to ride the bus for Hybrid Learning.

Morning Schedule Pick Up – Mondays - Thursdays:

7:03 AM – Mt. Bullion (corner of Princeton Way and CO Road 72B)
7:15 AM – Mariposa Park & Ride parking lot (behind Rite Aid)
7:34 AM – Darrah Road (Whitehouse parking lot)
7:49 AM – Mariposa Fairgrounds parking lot
8:05 AM – Yaqui Gulch and 140 (turnout directly across from Yaqui Gulch)
8:25 AM – Sierra Foothill Charter School - Unload Students

Afternoon Schedule Drop Off – Regular Release Days:

2:15 PM – Sierra Foothill Charter School - Load Students
2:35 PM – Oasis/Catheys Valley Post Office (parking lot)
2:46 PM – Dial's Rock Shop & 140
2:56 PM – Mt. Bullion (corner of Princeton Way and CO Road 72B)
3:06 PM – Mariposa Park & Ride parking lot (behind Rite Aid)
3:23 PM – Darrah Road (Whitehouse parking lot)

Afternoon Schedule Drop Off - 12:30 PM Dismissal

12:30-12:40 PM - Sierra Foothill Charter School - Load students
12:45 PM - Oasis/Catheys Valley Post Office (parking lot)
12:56 PM - Dial's Rock Shop & Hwy 140
1:05 PM - Mt. Bullion (Corner of Princeton Way and CO Road 72B)
1:15 PM - Mariposa Park & Ride parking lot (behind Rite Aid)
1:38 PM - Darrah Road (Whitehouse parking lot)

PLEASE NOTE:

THE OASIS STOP HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE MORNING ROUTE AND THE FAIRGROUNDS STOP HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE AFTERNOON ROUTE.

PER THE BUS RULES AND PROCEDURES – RIDERS ARE TO BE AT THE BUS STOP *FIVE MINUTES* BEFORE DEPARTURE TIMES.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK HOME FROM THE BUS STOP, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING.

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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

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____ **Student(s) will ride to school on bus:** M T W TH F (please circle days)
 Initial

____ **Student(s) will go home on bus:** M T W TH F (please circle days)
 Initial

____ I authorize the following people to **pick up my student(s) at the bus stop:** _____
 Initial

____ **Student(s) will go to daycare on the bus.** M T W TH F (please circle days)
 Initial

Daycare Name: _____ Daycare phone: _____

Daycare Address: _____

____ Student will be met at the bus stop by: _____

____ **I authorize my student(s) to walk home or to daycare from school by themselves.** M T W TH F
 Initial (please circle days)

SFCS Bus Rules and Discipline Procedures Acknowledgement

I have read and discussed the bus rules with my student(s) who have agreed to abide by the SFCS bus rules.

 Student

 Student

 Student

 Student

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

 Phone

 Cell Phone