



**MANCOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-6**

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## Transportation Department - Rules and Regulations

Dear Parents & Students:

COLORADO LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO TRANSPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL, 22-32-113 COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, 1973.

The Board of Education of Mancos School District RE-6 has authorized student transportation at district expense with the following guidelines:

1. The District may furnish transportation to students who live beyond one mile of school. Transportation may be furnished for shorter distances if dangerous conditions prevail.
2. Students must conduct themselves in a manner which permits and promotes safe transportation of all student passengers.

The SAFE transportation of students, to and from school, is of the *utmost importance*. If a driver is to operate the school bus safely, it is necessary that passengers behave in a controlled, orderly manner. Student management has the objective of securing desirable passenger behavior. The school district will do its utmost to provide safe, clean and well-regulated buses. Passengers have a general responsibility to cooperate and abide by the established rules and regulations of the district.

The key to operation of a safe transportation system is two-fold:

1. Passengers provide the driver with an atmosphere which will allow him/her to direct full attention to safe driving.
2. Obeying the rules and regulations. These guidelines are set to control the collective behavior of students to prevent behavior which may be potentially dangerous to the life, safety, and comfort of all.

The acceptable behavior of passengers is as follows:

A. AT THE BUS STOP - LOADING

1. Arrive on time, but not too early (5 minutes before scheduled time). Stand clear of the road.
2. Treat the adjacent resident's property with respect and consideration.
3. Have regard for the hazards and rights of motorists. Do not play or stand in the street.
4. When crossing the street to a stopped bus, cross at least ten feet in front of the bus (NEVER behind the bus!)
5. If loading on the same side of the roadway as the stop, wait at least ten feet back from the stop until the bus is at a complete stop and the door is opened.
6. Never rush toward a moving vehicle. Never crowd and push to board.

B. ON THE BUS

1. Obey directions of the driver, show respect.
2. Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
3. Occupy assigned seats when such assignments have been made.
4. Do not ride with knees on the seat facing backwards, sit on the seat facing forward.
5. The "noise" level permitted may consist of quiet talking. When directed to be silent, respond immediately and completely.
6. At no time shall materials of any type be thrown out of windows or inside the bus.
7. A passenger shall not at any time have arms, legs or head out windows.
8. Smoking/vaping/any use of drugs is prohibited at all times. No flame or spark devices shall be allowed on the bus.
9. Show respect for other passengers. Fighting is not permitted.
10. The bus should not be littered, defaced, or damaged in any way.

11. Do not tamper with the emergency door or use the exit except in emergencies or during drills.
12. Windows are not to be adjusted without driver's permission.
13. Open food or beverages are permitted only at the discretion of the driver.
14. Glass and other articles which could result in danger to passengers shall not be transported on buses.

### C. UNLOADING

1. Remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop.
2. Walk off the bus, don't run. Walk down the steps, don't jump.
3. Do not stop to play or chat beside the bus; move at least 10 feet away and continue to your destination.
4. If crossing the street after unloading, cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus, stop before crossing, check both directions, then continue across when signaled by the driver.
5. Once across the roadway, continue to your destination; do not play along the road way.
6. Never attempt to retrieve lost papers, balls, etc., from around or under the bus.

The privilege of riding a school bus is contingent upon a student's good behavior and observance of regulations for student conduct both at the bus stops and on board buses.

The driver of a school bus shall be responsible for the safety of the students on his/her bus, both during the ride and while students are entering or leaving the bus. Therefore, it is the driver's duty to notify the transportation director if any student violates the established rules of conduct.

After due warning has been given to the student and to their parents, district administration may withhold from the student the privilege of riding the school bus. The student also may be denied admission to school, suspended or expelled, in accordance with established policies, for flagrant violation of school bus rider conduct regulations or conduct detrimental to the safe operation of the bus.

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO CAUTION THEIR CHILDREN TO COOPERATE AND OBEY THE STUDENT MANAGEMENT RULES.

For safety, the driver will not discharge elementary riders at other places than the regular bus stop, at the home or at school unless by proper authorization from parent or school official. If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 533-7792.

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for transporting Mancos School District Re-6 students, and, further, understand that this notice serves as due warning of the consequences associated with failure to observe rules and regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student (s): _____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
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