

Dear Parent or Guardian,

TRAFFIX and First Student have adopted rules and regulations in conjunction with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to assist students in understanding their responsibilities while riding TRAFFIX buses. These rules assure safe and proper travel to and from school and are to be observed while waiting at bus stops, riding the bus home and to school, or on field trips. The following list of student actions, while not being exhaustive, constitutes violations of the established rules and regulations:

1. Failure to use 3-point lap/shoulder belt
2. Failure to remain seated
3. Failure to follow bus driver instructions
4. Fighting
5. Profanity
6. Creating fire hazards
7. Smoking on bus – vapor or otherwise
8. Disorderly boarding procedure
9. Sharing bus passes
10. Throwing objects off, on, or at bus
11. Hanging out of window
12. Spitting
13. Excessive noise
14. Harassing others
15. Improper exit
16. Vandalism
17. Eating, drinking or littering on the bus
18. Illegal substance abuse or controlled substance use
19. Inappropriate use of digital devices

Authority of the bus driver as explained in Section 14263 of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code States that:

- a) 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, highway, or road. 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. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations.

Following an incident on the bus, parents of all involved children will be contacted by First Student or the TRAFFIX Program Manager about the behavior. Under the policies of both TRAFFIX and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, each school principal or administrator may take disciplinary action against students who violate the rules and regulations described in this letter. Disciplinary action by the school site administrator may include detention and/or suspension. In some situations, TRAFFIX transportation privileges may also be revoked.

TRAFFIX VANDALISM POLICY: Any individual who willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures in any way any TRAFFIX property, real or personal, may be disciplined as provided by law and TRAFFIX policy. Should the individual be a minor, the parent or guardian of any such individual shall be required to pay for all damages so caused by the minor. The TRAFFIX Board of Directors may offer and pay a reward, in any reasonable amount, for information leading to the identification of, and the apprehension of, any minor who willfully damages or destroys any TRAFFIX property. The parent or guardian of any such minor shall be required to pay for the amount of the reward in addition to the damages.

Please speak with your child regarding these important TRAFFIX bus rules and regulations and inform him or her about the possible consequences of violating the rules.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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