



Dear Passenger,

MTD buses can get you to and from school and just about anywhere else you might want to go.

In this packet you'll find information about school holidays, bus fares, rules for riding the bus, and the consequences of violating those rules, as well as schedule information for the Booster Routes that serve your school. These routes are operated in addition to MTD's regular bus routes to reduce overloads. Anyone may ride these buses.

*Welcome Aboard!*

## Safety First!

- Arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early.
- Always use designated crosswalks to cross the street and obey traffic signals.
- Please be extra careful in wet weather as you approach, board, and exit the bus.
- Do not run after a bus as it departs a stop. The driver cannot stop in the travel lane to board passengers.
- Stand back from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive and have your fare ready. Save time by using passes, tokens, or coins whenever possible.
- Board and exit the bus in an orderly manner and take a seat quickly. (One seat per passenger, please, and no feet on the seats.) If you must stand, use the overhead grab rail. Do not hang from the grab rail.
- Please observe priority seating for passengers who are elderly or passengers who have disabilities.
- Remain seated and do not move about the bus while it is in motion. Do not sit in the aisle.
- After exiting the bus, if you need to cross the street, do so at the nearest intersection or marked crosswalk. Do not walk in front of the bus unless it is stopped at a stop sign or a red light. Watch for traffic under all circumstances. Never run in front of a bus for any reason.
- Do not assume the driver knows where you are. As the bus departs, the driver must also watch the traffic on the street.

**Additional information is available in the MTD Schedule Guide, at [www.sbmtd.gov](http://www.sbmtd.gov), or by calling 805-963-3366.**

## Booster buses run on school days only!

### Santa Barbara High School District Holiday Calendar for 2016-2017

**Junior High Schools:**

**Goleta Valley, La Colina,  
La Cumbre, & Santa Barbara  
Dos Pueblos, San Marcos, and  
Santa Barbara**

**High Schools:**

August 22, 2016	Classes begin	
September 5, 2016	Labor Day	No School
November 11, 2016	Veterans' Day	No School
November 21 - 25, 2016	Thanksgiving Holidays	No School
December 19, 2016 - January 2, 2017	Winter Break	No School
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No School
February 17, 2017	Lincoln's Birthday	No School
February 20, 2017	Presidents' Day	No School
March 27 - 31, 2017	Spring Break	No School
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day	No School
June 8, 2017	Last Day of Classes	

## Fares & Discount Passes

*All fares are one-way and may be paid with coins or bills. Fare boxes do not give change and drivers cannot make change. Exact change required.*

	Cash	10-Ride Pass	30-Day Pass
Adult	\$1.75	\$11.50	\$52.00
Youth (K-12th grade)	\$1.75	\$8.25	\$42.00
Mobility (for disabled persons and Medicare card holders)*	85¢	\$5.50	\$20.00
Transfers	Free	Free	N/A

\* Identification, proof of age, or proof of disability may be required.

- 30-Day Passes are valid 30 days from first use. They are not valid on the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle. 30-Day passes are not transferable and transfers are not available with this pass.
- 10-Ride passes do not expire.
- Improper use of passes may result in revocation or confiscation of them.
- All pass sales are final. No refunds. No cash value.

# BUS SAFETY RULES

*If you wouldn't do it in your classroom  
then don't do it on the bus!*

- Never interfere with the driver's ability to drive safely.
- Stay behind the line on the floor behind the driver at all times.
- No smoking or using electronic cigarettes on the bus, at the Transit Center, or within 20 feet of any bus stop.
- No use of matches or lighters on the bus.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- No pushing, shoving or fighting.
- No profanity. No threatening language or gestures.
- No spitting or throwing any objects inside or out of the bus.
- No hanging of any body parts or other items outside the bus window.
- No vandalism.
- No combustibles such as fireworks, gasoline, car batteries, paint, etc. on the bus.
- Shirts and shoes are required in buses and at the Transit Center.
- No use of audio devices except with headphones.
- Keep the volume of your conversations low including when talking on a cell phone.
- Personal belongings must be stowed out of the aisle. Storage racks may be available.
- Articles that are leaking or emitting offensive odors (such as bags of recyclables) are not allowed on the bus.
- Strollers must be folded and stowed out of the aisle and babies must be held securely.
- Bicycles are not allowed inside the bus (except a folding bike held by the passenger).\*
- Skateboards must be held or placed on the floor out of the aisle with the wheels up.
- Surfboards under 6 ft are allowed in all buses.
- Service animals must be on a harness or leash at all times and either sit on the floor out of the aisle or be held on the passenger's lap.
- Small animals in approved carriers may be brought on board.

**VANDALISM IS NOT TOLERATED AND IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW**

***Please refer to the MTD Schedule Guide for complete information about fares, bus rules, holiday service, etc.***

# THREE TIER PROCESS

## *Loss of Bus-Riding Rights*

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) takes safety very seriously. Passengers who do not follow MTD safety rules or who behave in an unsafe manner can and will be refused bus service.

Passengers are expected, upon paying their fare, to quickly take a seat. If all seats are full, passengers are expected to stand holding the overhead safety bar with one hand. While the bus is in motion, passengers are expected to stay in one place, maintain a low, conversational voice level, and generally behave in a pleasant manner. (See MTD's Bus Safety Rules.)

In the unfortunate event that a passenger chooses to act in a manner that impairs the safety of the bus, the driver, other passengers, or other members of the public, the following phased disciplinary approach will be used:

**TIER 1** – (Loss of the right to ride the bus for one full day)

Tier 1 includes any minor behavior that generally makes it uncomfortable for other passengers to enjoy the bus ride and which the driver has asked to be stopped at least once. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Hanging arms, hands, head or any body parts out the bus window
- Screaming/loud voices, moving about the bus and general horseplay
- General use of profanity, which is offensive to other passengers or the driver
- Disrespecting the driver, in any way (including profanity, gestures, etc.)

**TIER 2** – (Loss of the right to ride the bus for one full month)

Tier 2 includes any safety-related behavior that impedes the safe operation of the bus and/or is a safety risk to other passengers and the driver. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal threats, with or without the use of profanity
- Lewd and/or unsanitary behavior (spitting, etc.)
- Throwing of objects **INSIDE** the bus
- Not following driver instructions, which are given for the safety of all

**TIER 3** – (Loss of the right to ride the bus for 3 months or longer to be determined by MTD, as appropriate)

Tier 3 includes any behavior that injures, causes damage, or is illegal. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Physical violence
- Bringing on board the bus: firearms, matches, lighters, cigarettes, knives or blades of any kind, chemicals of any kind, etc.
- Vandalism, including writing or scraping on seats, windows, etc.
- Throwing of any objects **OUTSIDE** the bus (paper, spitting, etc.)
- Any property damage of any kind to MTD, passengers, or members of the public

Any passenger who exhibits behaviors deemed to fall into one of the tiers above will be notified by MTD, in writing when possible. If the passenger is a minor, the notification will be provided to the parents and/or an adult representative of the passenger. The notice will identify the inappropriate behavior, the tier category and the corresponding loss of bus-riding privileges.

Subsequent inappropriate or unsafe behaviors within a one year period will automatically fall into the next tier. (e.g. A second tier 1 behavior, automatically receives a tier 2 discipline; a first tier 2 and then tier 1 behavior automatically receives a tier 3 discipline, etc.)