

## **CASCADE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **SAFETY PLAN PER AB1297**

#### **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN EDUCATION CODE SECTION 39831.3**

**Pursuant to Legislation AB 1297, which add Section 39831.3 to the California Education Code and amends Section 22112 of the Vehicle Code, the following plan will be implemented by Cascade Union Elementary School District Transportation.**

The district shall identify school bus stops on route instructions where students may require escort, pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) section 22112 of the Vehicle Code. At such school bus stops, the school bus driver shall determine which students require escort.

**Procedures for all pupils to follow as they board and exit the appropriate school bus at their school or school bus stop.**

- 1. All children who require escorting across the roadway are so designated on the driver route sheets. Pupils shall follow the instructions of the school bus driver, who is in charge at all times.**
- 2. All children who receive home to school transportation on district buses are entered as such onto the driver route sheet. Pupils shall board and exit the school bus only at bus stops designated by the school district superintendent or superintendent's designee.**
- 3. The Cascade Union Elementary School District Board safety plan allows for alternate bus stops for children who have pre-arranged destination or an emergency bus stop change authorized by parent/guardian with date(s) and signature indicated on a school-authorized permission slip or note from parent.**
- 4. Pupils shall not approach the school bus to board or leave their seats to exit until the school bus has come to a complete stop, the flashing red lights activated and front door has been opened.**
- 5. Every school bus driver employed by the district shall be trained in the procedures for loading and unloading using the flashing red lights at school bus stops. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of using extreme caution when an escort is required for a child to cross the roadway.**

**6. Students Shall be educated in loading and unloading procedures:**

- A. Pupils shall be at their designated bus stop five minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. If the bus is approaching, a student shall never cross the roadway but rather wait for the driver to escort him/her across the street upon which the bus will stop.**
- B. Students shall wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the front entrance door has opened before approaching the bus. They shall not rush or run to the bus. If there is a group, pupils shall board and exit the school bus in an orderly manner.**
- C. Upon boarding the bus, students shall go quickly to their seat, sit facing the front with their backs against the seatbacks and remain seated until their destination has been reached and the bus has come to a complete stop. The driver will indicate when it is safe to stand and depart.**
- D. The same procedure shall be followed when a student is discharged from the bus. He/she shall never cross the street (upon which the bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading) unescorted.**

**7. Pupils who require escort pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision © of section 22112 of the Vehicle Code Shall;**

- A. Wait for the school bus driver to exit the bus first.**
- B. After exiting the school bus, cross the roadway only when the school bus driver tells them it is safe to do so.**
- C. Walk straight across the roadway between the school bus driver and the front of the bus.**
- D. After crossing, shall stay clear of the roadway, Students shall NEVER run back to the bus or cross back over to get mail etc. Students shall never cross the street behind the bus.**

**8. Pupils who do not require escort pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision © of section 22112 of the Vehicle Code Shall:**

- A. In an orderly manner, immediately leave the vicinity of the bus**
- B. Stay clear of the roadway**

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**Upon completion of each school bus run the driver shall ensure no students are left on board the bus by utilizing the following procedures.**

At the completion of the unloading of students at the school site the driver shall immediately close the entrance door and do a complete walk through to the back of the bus interior, checking all seats and floor area for students and possessions.

1. At the completion of the unloading of students at any field or activity trip, the driver shall immediately close the entrance door and do a complete walk through to the back of the bus interior, checking all seats and floor area for students and possessions.
2. Upon returning to the bus parking area in the afternoon, the driver shall do a complete walk through to the back of the bus interior, checking all seats and floor area for students and possessions. This complete walk through shall be accomplished before the driver leaves the interior of the bus for any reason.
3. Any sleeping student found to be on the bus at the completion of the route shall be immediately escorted into the school office or the transportation office and the event documented by the driver and the driver supervisor.

Legal Reference: Education Code:

39831.3 Thomas Edward Lanni School bus Safety Act of 1997

39831.3 Paul Lee School Bus Safety Law

Vehicle Code::

22504 Unincorporated Area Parking; School Bus Stops

22112 School Bus Signal & School bus Stop

California Code of Regulations, Title 5

14103 Authority of the Driver

California Code of Regulations, Title 13

1238 School Bus Stops

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**A current copy of this plan shall be retained by each school and made available upon request to an officer of the California Highway Patrol.**

**It is not the intent of this document to alter or change current Cascade Union Elementary School District Board Policy, or school bus rules, but rather to be added to them to insure the safety of our students and to comply with the law.**

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# State of California

## Vehicle Code 22112

### School Bus Signal and School Bus Stops

22112. (a) On approach to a school bus stop where pupils are loading or unloading from a school bus, the school bus driver shall activate an approved amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, beginning 200 feet before the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall deactivate the amber warning light system after reaching the school bus stop. The school bus driver shall operate the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the school bus, at all times when the school bus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils. The flashing red light signal system, amber warning lights system, and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any place where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer or at any location identified in subdivision (e) of this section. The school bus flashing red light system, amber warning lights system, and stop signal arm shall not be operated at any other time.

(b) The school bus driver shall stop to load or unload pupils only at a school bus stop designated for pupils by the school district superintendent or authorized by the superintendent.

(c) When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, at a location where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer, the driver shall, before opening the door, ensure that the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm are activated, and that it is safe to enter or exit the school bus.

(d) When a school bus is stopped on a highway or private road for the purpose of loading or unloading pupils, at a location where traffic is not controlled by a traffic officer or official traffic control signal, the school bus driver shall do all of the following:

1. Escort all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped. The driver shall use an approved hand-held "STOP" sign while escorting all pupils.

2. Require all pupils who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped to walk in front of the bus as they cross.
3. Ensure that all pupils who need to cross the highway or private road upon which the school bus is stopped have crossed safely, and that all other pupils and pedestrians are a safe distance from the school bus before setting the school bus in motion.

(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 school bus is stopped, the school bus driver may not activate the amber warning light system, the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm 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 stopped or parked.
2. Where the school bus is disabled due to mechanical breakdown. The driver of a relief bus that arrives at the scene to transport pupils from the disabled school bus shall not activate the amber warning light system, the flashing red light system, and the stop signal turn.
3. Where a pupil requires physical assistance from the driver or authorized attendant to board or leave the school bus and providing the assistance extends the length of time the school bus is stopped beyond the time required to load or unload a pupil that does not require physical assistance.
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 as determined by the school bus motor carrier.
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 a school district, with the approval of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to present a traffic or safety hazard.

(f) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, the Department of the California Highway Patrol may require the activation of an approved flashing amber warning light system, if the school bus is so equipped, or the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the school bus, at any location where the department determines that the activation is necessary for the safety of school pupils loading or unloading from a school bus.